

Auroville was founded by followers of philosopher Aurobindo

Building a city based on harmony and tolerance

AUROVILLE, India, Sept 2. (UPI): Utopia is still under construction in southern India but a dispute between rival idealists has diluted a 1960s-era vision of a city of universal harmony into a more practical experiment with ecology.

About 700 people, 500 of them foreigners from 15 nations, make up the community of Auroville, a verdant oasis on an arid plateau that reverberates with the sound of hammers and the grinding of cement mixers in anticipation of new arrivals.

Some residents say they want to help build the world's first city based on harmony and tolerance. Others call themselves refugees from Western materialism. And an increasing number are drawn to assist in Auroville's

unique ecological projects.

"Most people come here to change things, to put into practice their ideals," said US-born Francis Neemberry, one of about 100 remaining original members. "We're all looking for something."

Auroville was founded amid international hoopla in 1968 by followers of the Indian philosopher Sri Aurobindo, who until his death in 1950 built a movement based on synthesizing ancient yoga and modern scientific thought.

Representatives of 121 countries gathered to mix earth from their lands in a giant urn to symbolise the birth of an international city they hoped would bloom in a semi-desert area of Tamil Nadu state, 1,150 miles (1,850 km)

south of New Delhi.

The caretaker of this heady vision was a French woman known simply as the mother, who viewed Auroville as the incarnation of Aurobindo's perfect society. The plan was endorsed by the United Nations agency, Unesco, and a community mushroomed on the site.

But the harmony ended after the mother's death in 1973 when a power struggle ensued between the Sri Aurobindo Society, which controlled the fledgling city's funds, and the mostly foreign residents.

The society charged foreigners were indulging in free sex and drugs in defiance of the mother's teachings. The Aurovillians countercharged that the society was using donated project money for its aggrandisement and wan-

ted to take over the land, once worthless but now made valuable by irrigation and reforestation.

The conflict escalated until the society used its political connections to have many foreigners deported. By 1980 the community had dwindled to only 200 people, schools had closed and construction ceased.

Auroville's resurrection came soon after when the Indian government intervened and created a governing body composed of both factions, but ceded considerable control to the residents.

"That was our middle ages, the bulge around our middle, something we would all like to forget," said Neemberry.

"The society thought it would all be

smooth as silk, that in 10 years we would all be god-realised and humming away at the world, but it hasn't happened like that," he said.

French architect Roger Anger originally designed Auroville in an spiral layout, to house some 50,000 people who would live and work in task-based collectives, participate in mass meditation and arrange exhibits of the world's different cultures.

The only completed parts of this grand future are the Indian government's Bharat Nivas pavilion and the globe-shaped Matrimandir meditation hall, which looms over the landscape like a giant golf ball. The steel frame structure draws some 200 visitors a day, although still unfinished after 18 years of construction.

Instead, the 15-square-mile site of Auroville is a more modest community of dirt roads linking about 50 scattered settlements bearing such optimistic titles as aspiration, promise and certainty.

Craft workshops and a computer manufacturing centre meet day-to-day costs. Many houses are architecturally tasteful constructions with skylights and stone courtyards set amid "green belts" comprised of an estimated two million trees.

It is this fastidious cultivation of nature that has brought Auroville unexpected recognition for proving that greenery can be reintroduced in land depleted through centuries of overfarming, deforestation and erosion.



Soldiers ambushed

West German policemen inspect the scene where Irish Republican Army (IRA) gunmen seriously wounded two off-duty British soldiers in a street ambush as they walked to their barracks yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

IRA men, shoot UK soldiers in FRG

BONN, Sept 2. (Agencies): Two British soldiers were shot and seriously wounded at a military housing area, police said today, and the Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for the attack.

The IRA made the claim in a statement made by telephone to a news agency in Dublin, Ireland.

The statement said: "The IRA claims responsibility for the ambush of the British troops in Muenster, West Germany last night."

"While the undemocratic partition of Ireland is maintained by British military might, the IRA reserves the right to strike at the British government and British Army wherever they seek respite from their war against the Irish people."

The IRA is outlawed in Ireland as well as in Northern Ireland, and the statement was given to the news agency along with an agreed codeword to verify its authenticity.

Police said today that one soldier was in critical condition after the attack.

The shootings occurred in a northwestern village near Muenster late last night, the fourth attack on a British military facility since June.

Muenster police spokesman Hans-Jochen Petzold said today that one soldier was in critical condition and the other was seriously wounded.

"One of the wounded men was able to tell us what happened," he said.

Petzold said the soldiers were walking in civilian clothes in a housing area for British troops in the village of Gremmendorf when a car pulled up and its occupants asked in English how to reach Muenster.

When the soldiers responded in English, one of the car's occupants opened fire with an automatic rifle, the spokesman said.

British military spokesman Pete Brown said he could not immediately release the identities of the victims.

The British news agency Press Association quoted inspector Walter Vafelak of the West German police as saying, "there were many shots to the arms and legs. The soldiers fell to the ground and were bleeding heavily."

Press Association quoted Vafelak as saying the three attackers reportedly spoke with Irish accents.

The IRA has repeatedly attacked British troops stationed in West Germany in recent years in an extension of its guerrilla war in Northern Ireland, a British province.

The barracks at Muenster, about 180 kilometres (112 miles) north of Bonn, is the headquarters of the British Army's 4th Armoured Brigade in West Germany.

Mazowiecki bows on cabinet demand

WARSAW, Sept 2. (Reuters): Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki bowed today to demands by the Communist Party for more than two posts in the cabinet, apparently clearing the way for communist co-operation with his government.

Communist Party chief Mieczyslaw Rakowski said after talks with Mazowiecki that no final agreement had been reached but he was satisfied with Mazowiecki's proposals.

It was the latest in a series of violent incidents in the camps, where international aid workers say tension has been rising as boat people realise they face repatriation to Vietnam.

A British Army spokesman said: "The police asked Gurkhas to help. The Queen's Gurkha engineers have teams trained to search for weapons and they are going through the camp."

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Deputy secretary for security Alistair Asprey told Reuters by telephone the army was not setting a precedent by going into Sek Kong camp to search for weapons which

Radicals strive for anti-Western tone

Moderates push for civil rights

BELGRADE, Sept 2. (Reuters): Radical countries including Cuba, North Korea and Libya pushed today for next week's summit of the Non-Aligned Movement to adopt a more anti-Western tone than many member nations wish.

They pressed to include denunciations of "imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism" in a policy statement which the 102-member movement is to issue after its four-day summit starting in Belgrade tomorrow.

Yugoslavia, the host country, and other influential moderates appeared resigned to accepting the language on condition that the document also included a strong commitment to civil rights and individual liberty.

As foreign ministers worked for a second day to finalise the summit's agenda, some states also expressed unhappiness with the mild praise in the draft final statement for the improvement in US-Soviet relations.

"They feel that the draft is too optimistic, that the world situation is not exactly optimistic, and that détente between the two superpowers might not last that long," said a spokesman for the Non-Aligned Movement who asked not to be named.

One passage which has caused trouble reads: "The general rapprochement between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics contributes to the relaxation of international tensions and the creation of basic prerequisites for establishing lasting peace."

Yugoslavia and Egypt, which helped found the movement in Belgrade in 1961, have sought to tone down the anti-Western rhetoric and long-winded pronouncements on all aspects of world affairs which characterised some previous summits.

Argentina and Venezuela, which have respective foreign debts of \$80 billion and \$29 billion dollars oppose the inclusion of a strongly worded passage on debt in the final statement because they are conducting sensitive talks with their creditors.

"If we included a reference to every country's single grievance, the final document would be much too long," said one conference source, noting that the last summit in Zimbabwe in 1986 had concluded with a declaration of 586 articles.

Nevertheless, the movement, whose members have a combined debt of about \$1,300 billion, is expected to issue a separate document urging Western countries to reduce interest rates and offer new loans on easier terms.

Angola made clear it wanted the movement to toughen its stance on South Africa. Foreign Minister Pedro de Castro van Dunem, speaking at a news conference, accused Pretoria of continuing to aid Angolan rebels despite a promise to stop.

Diplomats said Cuba, North Korea and Libya had been joined by South Yemen, Ghana and other radicals in demanding that the movement denounce "imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism, apartheid and all forms of domination."

If this passage is included, however, moderates want a balancing sentence in the final



Preparing for summit

Palestinian Liberation Organisation UN representative, Zehdi Terzi (left) and an unidentified Palestinian aide (right) glance over the shoulder of Syrian Foreign Minister, Farouq Al Shara prior to the start in Belgrade of the meeting to prepare for the summit of Non-aligned countries. (Reuters wirephoto)

statement which would read: "We consider the right of every individual to fully enjoy civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights to be the source of the greatest inspiration to our movement."

In an interview prior to the closed foreign ministers' meeting, Yugoslav President Jancz Dmosevic strongly suggested the conference should concentrate on economic development rather than on politics.

Turkish move

Rail link to reopen

ANKARA, Turkey, Sept 2. (AP): Turkey has decided to reopen its railway link to Europe, which was closed nine days ago to prevent entry by ethnic Turks travelling without visas, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced today.

Spokesman Murat Sungar said the decision would go into effect tomorrow. The single European train which travels daily between Munich and Istanbul goes through Austria, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. It is Turkey's only outlet to those countries by rail.

Bulgaria had been sending hundreds of ethnic Turks daily on the train since May. Turkey barred the entry of the train on Aug 25.

Turkey also began requiring visas for ethnic Turks coming from Bulgaria on Aug 22. About 310,000 have flooded into Turkey in the past three months.

Sungar said the decision to reopen the rail link was made on the assumption that Bulgaria would only send those ethnic Turks with proper visas aboard the train.

The immigrants say they are fleeing from a harsh assimilation campaign in Bulgaria, which, among other things, has included forced change of their Muslim names to Slavic ones.

A group of 350 ethnic Turks arrived in this country with visas over the past 10 days.

Counting 160 Vietnamese refugees who arrived yesterday on two boats, 2,607 refugees have arrived in Japan this year, compared with 219 in all of 1988. Most of the refugees are Vietnamese.

Manila captures US drug dealer

MANILA, Sept 2. (AP): The country's immigration chief announced today that a fugitive US drug dealer had been captured and said the Philippines will not be a refuge for foreign criminals.

"This nation must be known for its positive attributes, not for the safety and protection facilities it might offer alien criminals," said Steven Alano Jr., chairman of the Commission on Immigration and Deportation.

Alano said immigration agents yesterday arrested Robert Otto Rosenthal at a house on the outskirts of Opol, a town in Misamis Oriental province, about 540 miles (870 kilometres) south-east of Manila.

Rosenthal, charged by the United States with transporting cocaine within its boundaries, was to be deported later today, Alano said.

The statement did not say how long Rosenthal had been in the Philippines.

Alano said immigration agents will concentrate on arresting foreigners belonging to syndicates involved in drugs, prostitution, gun smuggling and fake travel documents.

In Cebu island, two West Germans were arrested yesterday on charges they were members of an international drug syndicate, said Danilo Almeda, regional immigration chief.

Almeda said agents seized a half pound (.22 kilograms) of marijuana from Markus Manfred Riedel, 26, and Wolfgang Christian Gerhard Kuhn, 37, in a raid on a house in Liloan village, 390 miles (625 kilometres) south-east of Manila.

Riedel and Kuhn were to be flown to Manila to face deportation proceedings, authorities said.

Almeda said authorities were investigating whether yachts were being used to smuggle marijuana from Cebu to foreign countries. The Germans arrived in Cebu by yacht last March authorities said.

\$100,000 returned

Honesty pays, late

FORT WORTH, Texas, Sept 2. (AP): A businessman took it upon himself to reward a cleaning woman who recently stumbled on \$100,000 lying around at a bank and turned the money in.

Marvin Smith, who owns a building and contracting company, said he was shocked and a little bit peeved when he read that Nancy Carroll had received no reward. So he decided to give her \$100.

"I just admire someone with that much honesty," Smith told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram newspaper. "It's easy for someone to be honest and return \$10 not \$100,000."

Carroll, 49, discovered the cash as she was emptying trash cans by a teller's booth last month. She called bank security and told them of her find.

"A lot of people are going to think I'm fool," she said. "I'm happy with myself."

Lebanese jet seized in States

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, Sept 2. (AP): US officials today seized a \$13-million Lebanese-owned jet and are weighing criminal charges against the crew and passengers because the plane landed without permission earlier this week at Harrisburg International Airport.

Henry Brattle, deputy district director of the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service office in Philadelphia, said the plane landed at the airport Aug 27, after disregarding orders to travel to Philadelphia for immigration inspection. The plane had come from London.

The Gulf Stream G-3 jet, which can hold up to 20 passengers, returned to Harrisburg again last night from Beirut, California, at which time it was seized and at least three occupants were taken into custody.

Brattle said the occupants were aliens who failed to check in with immigration officials. He said the Lebanese passengers and crew showed "blatant disregard of the country's laws. We had no knowledge when they came in whether they were terrorists or fine, upstanding citizens."

He said a subsequent investigation showed they were not terrorists.

Renegotiations called for

ROME, Sept 2. (Reuters): Poland's Catholic primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, has said an agreement to move a convent of Carmelite nuns from its site at the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz was ill-conceived and should be renegotiated.

In an interview in Warsaw with Italian journalists, Glemp was quoted as saying that the European Catholic Cardinals including Krakow Cardinal Franciszek Macharski had gone beyond their competence in drawing up a 1987 agreement with Jewish leaders to move the convent before February 1989.

"I want the accord renegotiated. It should be done by competent people and not by cardinals who don't understand how things stand," he was quoted as saying in the interview, published by Italian newspapers today.

"Macharski has not understood the situation ... he represents only the Krakow Church, the problem is much broader than that," Glemp was reported as saying.

Soviets detonate

MOSCOW, Sept 2. (AP): The Soviet Union detonated a nuclear explosion with a force of 20 kilotonnes today at a test site in Semipalatinsk in Kazakhstan, the official Tass news agency said.

Tass said the blast was set off at 8.17 am (0147 GMT) "to perfect military equipment."

The news agency said there was "an insignificant brief rise in the radiation background" inside the test zone. Radiation levels outside the test range were normal, Tass said.

A kilotonne has the explosive force of 1,000 tons of TNT. The atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1946 in the first use of the bomb as a weapon had the explosive force of 20 kilotonnes.

15 Burmese held

RANGOON, Burma, Sept 2. (AP): The military has announced the arrests of 15 people for a bomb attack on Rangoon's city hall that killed four people in July, and accused Karen rebel leader Bo Mya of masterminding it.

At a news conference yesterday, the deputy chief of military intelligence, Col Than Tun, charged that Bo Mya entrusted Ko Ko Naing, a 32-year-old engineer, to bomb key government buildings in order to spread chaos in Rangoon.

The Karen leader also assigned the engineer to attack Rangoon's heavily fortified Defence Ministry with a rocket-powered grenade, Than Tun said. He claimed Bo Mya also ordered attacks on the houses of Burmese

government leaders using a type of chemical rocket.

Political refugee returned

ATHENS, Greece, Sept 2. (AP): A Turkish political refugee who escaped to Greece was returned to his homeland this week, an Athens lawyer charged yesterday. But police said that the man was deported because he had not requested asylum.

Lawyer Yana Kurtovik, a member of the Greek Committee for Constitutional Rights, charged in an Athens radio interview that Hussein Hami Sami Ozsomer, 31, whom he described as a leading member of the banned Turkish leftist organisation Dev Yol, had been expelled by Greek authorities "with unprecedented haste" and without the usual legal procedures.

Turkish press reports said yesterday that Ozsomer escaped from a prison hospital while awaiting trial on charges of being a member of Dev Yol.

Japan may develop

TOKYO, Sept 2. (AP): Japan will develop its own software for the FSX, a next-generation fighter jet, if the United States refuses to supply it, a defence agency official said today.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, denied a report in the Asahi Shimbun newspaper that the United States has already refused to provide the software.

"The United States has not yet said it won't provide the software, and we interpret that to mean we can receive it," he said. "If it doesn't, then we must consider developing it ourselves."

Japan and the United States signed an accord last November for joint development of the FSX, to be based on the US-built F-16 fighter jet.

Suu Kyl recovering

BANGKOK, Thailand, Sept 2. (AP): Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi is recovering from a 12-day hunger strike but remains under detention in her Rangoon home, her British husband said today.

Michael Aris said his wife ended her hunger strike after the military government assured her that "her supporters arrested in her compound the same day were not being tortured or subjected to inhuman methods of interrogation."

"She was weak during and after her hunger strike but her health is now improving," he said on arriving in Bangkok from Rangoon. "At 3.00, when I said goodbye to her, she was alive and well," Aris said.

Full stop for Apostrophes after 15 yrs

PARIS, Sept 2. (AP): The phenomenally successful literary talk show "Apostrophes" will go off the air next summer after 15 years as a dominant force in French books, its host announced.

Bernard Pivot opened his weekly programme last night with the disclosure, saying he wanted his viewers to be the first to know.

He said the current season would be the programme's last, and said the final show would be broadcast in June or July.

"Apostrophes," broadcast live by the state-owned Antenne 2 network each Friday night, has been steadily among the top-rated French television programmes. Each week, Pivot invites several authors to discuss their own and each other's latest books.

IRA plot to kill Charles

LONDON, Sept 2. (KUNA): A popular newspaper here reported today that the three men held briefly yesterday under the Prevention of Terrorism Act were involved in a plot to murder the heir to the British throne, Prince Charles.

The three, who were held in Scotland, were late last night released. It was thought they were detained at Livingston New Town, near Edinburgh, where the Prince of Wales is due to visit this Monday, "Today" newspaper said.

The British Queen Elizabeth, Prince Charles and the rest of the royal family, now holidaying in Balmoral, Scotland, were immediately placed under special guard as fears grew of a "terrorist offensive," the daily added.

The three men were all from the trouble-bound Northern Ireland.

British army Gurkhas move in after Vietnamese boat people riot in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Sept 2. (Agencies): Vietnamese boat people armed with sharpened tent pegs and rocks rioted in a Hong Kong refugee camp today, killing one man, injuring fourteen people, and prompting the authorities to send in British army Gurkhas to search for hidden weapons.

It was the first direct involvement by British army troops in Hong Kong's troubled camps, which hold some 55,622 Vietnamese, many of whom have fled their native country in makeshift boats in the hopes of a better life.

Fifty-one Vietnamese men were arrested. The fighting, which police said involved some 200 people, started early in the morning and was brought under control by police with riot gear after three hours. The dead man had been stabbed. More than a dozen people were

injured.

It was the latest in a series of violent incidents in the camps, where international aid workers say tension has been rising as boat people realise they face repatriation to Vietnam.

A British Army spokesman said: "The police asked Gurkhas to help. The Queen's Gurkha engineers have teams trained to search for weapons and they are going through the camp."

British troops have until now only helped in construction or transporting supplies.

Deputy secretary for security Alistair Asprey told Reuters by telephone the army was not setting a precedent by going into Sek Kong camp to search for weapons which

the police believe are buried underground.

This morning's rioting followed an earlier, less serious outbreak the previous night which police said was caused by an argument over the result of a volleyball match.

Police said they had detained 46 Vietnamese men after the fighting but no charges had been made.

There are some 7,000 boat people in Sek Kong camp, a collection of tents in a disused military runway in Hong Kong's new territories.

Police said the rioters at Sek Kong used sharpened metal tent pegs, water pipes fashioned into spears, and makeshift wooden clubs as well as rocks and broken glass.

The violence is the latest in a series of problems besetting

Royal split pales in comparison to earlier scandals

LONDON, Sept. 2. (AP) All it would seem, was bliss at Buckingham Palace.

Prince Charles and Diana emerged unscathed from a spate of rumours about their marriage. Prince Andrew and his wife, Sarah, are happily raising a baby. Prince Edward gave up military life and apparently found peace with a theatre company.

Queen Elizabeth II was the picture of grandmotherly contentment.

But now, suddenly, shocking headlines. Headstrong Princess Anne and her shy commoner husband are splitting up. Is the British royal family

in trouble?

Not really. It has survived worse crises, only to grow in prestige and popularity. And compared with the scandals that beset some of their ancestors, the separation announced Thursday of the queen's daughter from Capt. Mark Phillips is small potatoes.

"Many, many royal marriages have been very unhappy indeed," said Michelle Brown, curator of the Royal Britain Exhibition. "There have been lots of royal divorces in the past, and many people far more miserable than Capt. Phillips and Princess Anne seem

to have been."

Like the unfortunate Sophia Dorothea, whose husband, George I, locked her in a castle for 32 years for being unfaithful to him in 1694.

Or, more recently, the drawn-out saga of Princess Margaret, the queen's younger sister, whose marriage to Lord Snowdon ended in divorce in 1978.

And then there was 19th-century George IV, whose attempts to divorce Caroline of Brunswick became a prolonged and disgraceful public spectacle.

Anne and Mark, who have two children, do not plan to divorce, Buckingham Palace says.

While most newspapers ran the split on the front page yesterday, The Independent ran just one paragraph on page 2. The Independent simply doesn't believe the royals matter. Others enjoy them as soap opera.

"No scriptwriter could wish for a better cast," the columnist Godfrey Smith has written: Queen Elizabeth II as "everyone's favourite mum," Prince Margaret the "willful younger sister," Prince Philip "the cantankerous father," "interesting children (cheerful Charlie, randy Andy, educated Edward and angular Anne), all sorts of in-laws (divine Diana, problem-girl Prince Michael), grandchildren galore..."

There is, however, genuine sympathy for Anne.

Her marriage in 1973 to Phillips, televised from Westminster Abbey, was dubbed a storybook romance, but tested mainly on a shared passion for horses, and marital strife has been rumoured for eight years.

She may never rival Princess Diana in looks, and is seventh in line to the throne. She is unlikely to become Queen Anne. But she is blessed with wit, poise and intellect, and at 39 she is by far the most interesting of the British royals.

"We are very possessive about our royal family, and we were all, in a sense, guests at that fairy-tale wedding 15 years ago," the times editorialised yesterday. "The queen's daughter has never been a fairy-tale princess, however, and the monarchy is the stronger for it."

Bakker will be tested

Charlotte, Sept. 2. (AP) Television preacher Jim Bakker will have full access to the grounds at the prison facility where he is undergoing psychological evaluation because he has not been convicted of anything, a spokeswoman said yesterday.

US District Judge Robert Potter suspended Bakker's fraud and conspiracy trial in its fourth day Thursday after being told by Bakker's attorney that his client was found covering in a foetal position with his head under a couch.

Potter ordered the evangelist to undergo testing at the Federal Correction Institute in Butner to see if he is mentally competent to stand trial.

Bakker founded the Christian fundamentalist PTL television ministry, which uses television to spread its word and raise money. Bakker faces charges that he and other PTL executives pocketed more than \$4 million of the \$158 million raised to build a religious retreat and theme park.

Bakker quit PTL in 1987 amid revelations about his 1980 sexual encounter with Church Secretary Jessica Hahn and a \$265,000 payoff for her silence. PTL filed for bankruptcy a few months later, prompting the investigation that resulted in charges.

No specific information on Bakker's condition will be released, Sharon Orr, a spokeswoman at the prison, said in a telephone interview.

"About all I can tell you is he will go under extensive psychological evaluation, Ms Orr said. A typical evaluation takes 30 to 45 days, but "it has not been determined at this time how long this particular evaluation will take," he said.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

MASSACHUSETTS: Joan Kennedy has invited 200 friends and relatives — including ex-husband Ted Kennedy to her 53rd birthday bash Saturday night at her Squaw Island home in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts. In addition to the Senator, the guest list includes Tony Bennett, Jacqueline Onassis and her kids, Caroline and John Kennedy Jr. John Kennedy Galbraith and David Rockefeller. There are reports in Boston that a Kennedy engagement may be announced at the bash, possibly that of Joan and Ted's daughter, Kara, 29, who has been dating a Washington, DC architect. (UPI)

NEW JERSEY: Jesse Jackson was disappointed that the University of Virginia lost to Notre Dame Thursday night in East Rutherford, New Jersey, but he was gracious in addressing the fighting Irish in their dressing room afterward. "I want to congratulate you for winning and maintaining your No. 1 position," he said. "Of course, I have mixed emotions and I was pulling for No. 51 on the Virginia defense. No. 51 is Jackson's son, Yusef, a linebacker for the Cavaliers. Jackson urged the Irish to stay away from cocaine and steroids and brought up last week's killing of a black teenager by a gang of white youths in a New York neighbourhood. "I am here to see my son," he said, but I was in New York when a black thing happened. A kid walking down the street was lynched over a bus. If you can learn to live together and play together as brothers to be the No. 1 football team, you should be able to live in life as brothers." Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz then led the team in an honorary cheer pronouncing Jackson a "Notre Dame man." (UPI)

MINNESOTA: The reigning Miss America says she won the crown fair and square. Gretchen Carlson, who was Miss Minnesota, was asked by a TV guide story that said she probably wouldn't have won the title had there not been a change in the rules that played down the interview portion of the pageant. "We all knew way before the pageant that the interview would not be balloted on the final night," Carlson said. "But it was balloted in the preliminaries, in which the finalists were chosen. I won fair and square. I'm not refuting anything. I'm standing above it. This has been a wonderful year. Unfortunately, someone has seen fit to tarnish that." Carlson will crown a new Miss America Sept. 12 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. (UPI)

SALEM, Oregon: Gerald R. Allen got his day in court. Actually, it was half a day. He didn't stick around for the verdict.

Authorities searched Friday for Allen, 31, of Oregon City, who was on trial Thursday for trying to hire someone to kill his wife when the court recessed for lunch.

Allen was scheduled to return after lunch to hear the verdict by Marion County Circuit Judge Dean Erisgaard. Instead, Allen used the lunch break to make a break for it.

The judge ruled after the lunch recess Allen was guilty of conspiring to hire two men to kill his wife, although the slaying never took place. (UPI)

NEW ORLEANS: The Fairmont Hotel is closing its blue room, an elegant supper club where Marlene Dietrich, Lena Horne, Ethel Merman, B.B. King and others performed for more than half a century.

No formal announcement will be made. The blue room simply won't reopen as scheduled Tuesday after a two-month summer closing, said hotel spokesman John Demers.

Private parties and Sunday brunches will be held in the 300-seat nightclub, a victim of changing times and changing tastes in entertainment, said Anton Fritinger executive vice-president of the five-hotel Fairmont chain. (AP)

TOKYO: A Tokyo company is shaking up the memorial market with long-lived gravestones it says can withstand earthquake.

"Right now we have so many orders for earthquake-proof stones, there is a six-month waiting list," Toshiko Nagaya, president of maker Yamatoya Sekiza, said on Thursday.

Nagaya developed the gravemarkers after an earthquake rocked the Tokyo suburb in December 1987, killing two people and overturning hundreds of headstones.

Nagaya said his stones, which use two-inch (six-cm) poles and industrial adhesives to connect pedestal and upright, have been tested to hold up under severe earthquake conditions. (Reuters)

Sci-fi meeting attracts fans, filkers, philosophers

BOSTON, Sept. 2. (AP) Sex on other planets, fearless vampire killers and questions such as "are there any really new monsters?" are among the topics at the 47th World Science Fiction Convention.

More than 5,000 writers, scientists and fans have assembled for a long weekend of rumination on the future of sci-fi, much of it in their special jargon. Cyberpunk is going out of style, they say, and not everyone likes filkers any more.

Fans of science fiction began flocking to the Hynes Convention Centre clad in Star Trek uniform tops, propeller-beanies and T-shirts featuring buttons.

Heated, long-running debates are characteristic of these conventions, whether they're over the proper rotation of a space station around a manufactured sun in a novel from the '50s or over the general worth of filkers, singers who rewrite folk songs with space-age lyrics.

This year, the filkers are staying at a different hotel.

The conference also features presentation of the coveted Hugo Awards for outstanding science fiction writing, as well as a brunch with Isaac Asimov, appearances by authors Andre Norton and

Frederick Pohl and publishers Ian and Betty Ballantine, founders of Bantam Books and Ballantine Books.

While fans come to meet old friends and gawk at rare sci-fi books and paraphernalia such as space-age wigs and tiny, futuristic acrylic cities, those active in the industry come to make new connections and find out what next year's topics will be.

Chu Von Rosbach, a Hugo nominee who publishes Other Realms magazine, said he sees writers tending toward bringing fantastic events into the real world, rather than setting off for worlds of fantasy.

Healthy panda born in US zoo

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (Agencies) Ling-Ling the giant panda gave birth to a healthy cub yesterday morning, and officials at the National Zoo said they would give the cub an injection in a risky effort to increase its chances of survival.

The procedure, meant to boost the cub's immune system but involving anesthetizing Ling-Ling and separating the cub, of still undetermined sex, from its mother, was arranged for yesterday afternoon.

It has never been tried on endangered giant pandas but was decided on in an effort to thwart a repeat of 1987, when the aging Ling-Ling's longest surviving cub died of an infection four days after birth.

"This procedure would give the infant the best chance for survival," said Zoo Collections Manager Lisa Stevens. "This is a difficult decision with lots of risks, but we feel like we are approaching it with the best knowledge. Every minute is crucial and every time we hear that cub squeal we're relieved."

Ling-Ling and her long-time mate, Hsing-Hsing, are the only giant pandas on permanent exhibit in the United States and the oldest living pair in captivity outside of China.

The cub was born at 9:05 am in the zoo's panda house after Ling-Ling was first seen having contractions at 7:31 am.

"So far, we've heard the cub vocalize and have gotten a few fleeting glimpses of it," said Zoo spokesman Mike Morgan. "It seems to be strong. Ling-Ling seems to be doing a good job of being a mother."

"Within moments of giving birth, Ling-Ling picked up the tiny pinkish-white cub, licked it, and cradled it in her forepaws," Morgan said.

Doctors said the cub, being observed on closed circuit television, had "vocalized in the boisterous manner typical of newborn pandas."

Officials were monitoring the 20-year-old Ling-Ling and her tiny white cub, which was described as about the size of a stick of butter, by closed circuit television.

Panda specialists planned to anesthetize Ling-Ling, remove the cub and inject it with immunoglobulin, a substance extracted from Hsing-Hsing. The procedure has never been tried on giant pandas anywhere in the world, but it has been used successfully on other species at the National Zoo, said Zoo spokeswoman Annie Roskelley.

Ling-Ling spontaneously aborted a tiny foetus last month but officials had held out hope that she remained pregnant because pandas give birth to twins in about 60 per cent of pregnancies.

Zoo workers had been involved in a 24-hour watch of Ling-Ling since early July to monitor a possible pregnancy. The watch continued even after the Aug 11 miscarriage, because Ling-Ling continued to show hormonal changes in her urine that might indicate she was pregnant.

Monitoring Ling-Ling's pregnancy was complicated because the bulky, black and white mammal shows few outward indications of pregnancy.

Giant pandas have been artificially bred successfully in captivity in zoos in Madrid, Tokyo and Mexico City, but Ling-Ling and Hsing-Hsing are the only panda pair breeding naturally, Stevens said.

Ling-Ling and Hsing-Hsing were gifts to the United States from China in 1972.

'Somebody is lying'

DC mayor accused of drug use

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (Agencies) At least one person has corroborated the word of a former city aide who said he smoked crack cocaine with Mayor Marion Barry, according to published reports yesterday.

The Washington Post, citing unnamed sources, reported that at least one of several women interviewed by federal investigators have supported Charles Lewis' accounts of drug use in the Virgin Islands involving the District of Columbia mayor.

"Somebody here is lying," The Washington Post said yesterday in its lead editorial on the allegations.

But while terming him "a national embarrassment," the paper stopped short of calling for Barry's resignation.

The paper said that although the allegations by Barry's "friend" could have been padded to win Lewis' own partial immunity from prosecution, "this is the thickest cloud of suspicion yet to hang over city hall."

Lewis, a convicted drug dealer awaiting sentencing, told investigators that Barry used drugs in hotel rooms and on boats during three trips to St Thomas, sources told The Washington Post.



Barry, accused

Also, The Washington Times quoted unnamed sources as saying that some federal and local law enforcement officers think they have enough evidence to ask a grand jury to indict Barry on as many as two counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice.

Earlier this year, Barry told a grand jury that he had not used illegal drugs.

Barry, vacationing in Dewey

Beach, Delaware, released a statement Thursday denouncing media leaks and challenging federal prosecutors to indict him if they have sufficient evidence.

Through leaks to the press and other sources, federal authorities have done what they set out to do — to get headlines and to assassinate my character," Barry said. "They have attempted to do through the press what is not possible in a court of law."

Barry called the leaks to the media "lawlessness by the government."

US attorney Jay Stephens has asked the Justice Department to investigate the leaks.

Lewis was convicted in the Virgin Islands last April for selling \$550 worth of crack cocaine to an undercover FBI agent. He has not been sentenced.

Lewis is scheduled to stand trial Sept. 18 in Washington on charges that he possessed and distributed cocaine in the Washington area since 1985, and led to a grand jury about his drug activity in Washington and the Virgin Islands.

Lewis said four women in the Virgin Islands could support his allegations about Barry, sources told The Washington Post.



Carl's coiffure

US Olympic champion Carl Lewis sports a pony tail at the Grand Prix Athletics Competition in Monaco Friday. Lewis, who placed third at 10.3 seconds in the invitation 100 metre event, flew on a Concorde from New York to London and then to Monaco for the race. (Reuters wirephoto)



Lefties not left out

Japan's Kyocera Corporation's office girls show off the company's new improved cameras, Samurai 22 and Samurai 22-L in Tokyo Friday. The model 22-L, right, is made for left-handed persons. The new products are half-sized, single-lens reflex cameras with built-in strobes and a 25-75 mm zoom lens. They will go on sale Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sunken 'treasure'

Cow found in sea

SITKA, Alaska, Sept. 2. (AP) Scientists pouncing fish from a submarine made a bizarre find deep below the ocean surface: a sunken cow.

Tony O'Connell, a biologist with the State Department of Fish and Game, said she and the pilot of the two-seat submarine saw the carcass for several seconds as they cruised about 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of Baranof Island, 690 feet (210 metres) under the sea.

The Sitka Sentinel newspaper sent a reporter to view the videotape the scientists made of the scene, and he reported yesterday that the object did look like a cow. A Holstein, to be exact.

On the tape, O'Connell can be heard counting off fish as the submarine cruises along the ocean floor at 690 feet (210 metres), the newspaper reported.

"What the hell is that?" pilot Don Slater asks as the object comes into view. "It's a cow," he concludes.

ORLANDO, Florida: A 70-year-old janitor halted a break-in at a veterans club by bellowing and pelting two burglars with bread.

Former Sailor Dean Mitchell tripped over a pair of knapsacks laden with booty — packs of cigarettes and bottles of liquor — when he opened up VFW post 2093 before dawn Thursday.

"I knew something was funny," the cigar-chewing Mitchell said. "Then here's those two young kids coming around the corner by the popcorn machine. I let out a big noise and said a few things."

"I had two bags of stale bread for the ducks I feed every morning and a box of Entenmann's sticky buns. I started hitting them with those."

The burglars took flight under the bread barrage, leaving behind some of their loot but still getting away with about \$150 in change and cigarettes. (UPI)

WASHINGTON: What does a big-time Washington operative like John Seaman do during his summer vacation? The White House Chief of Staff told reporters he spent part of the time organising his massive baseball card collection, which dates back to the 1940s. (UPI)

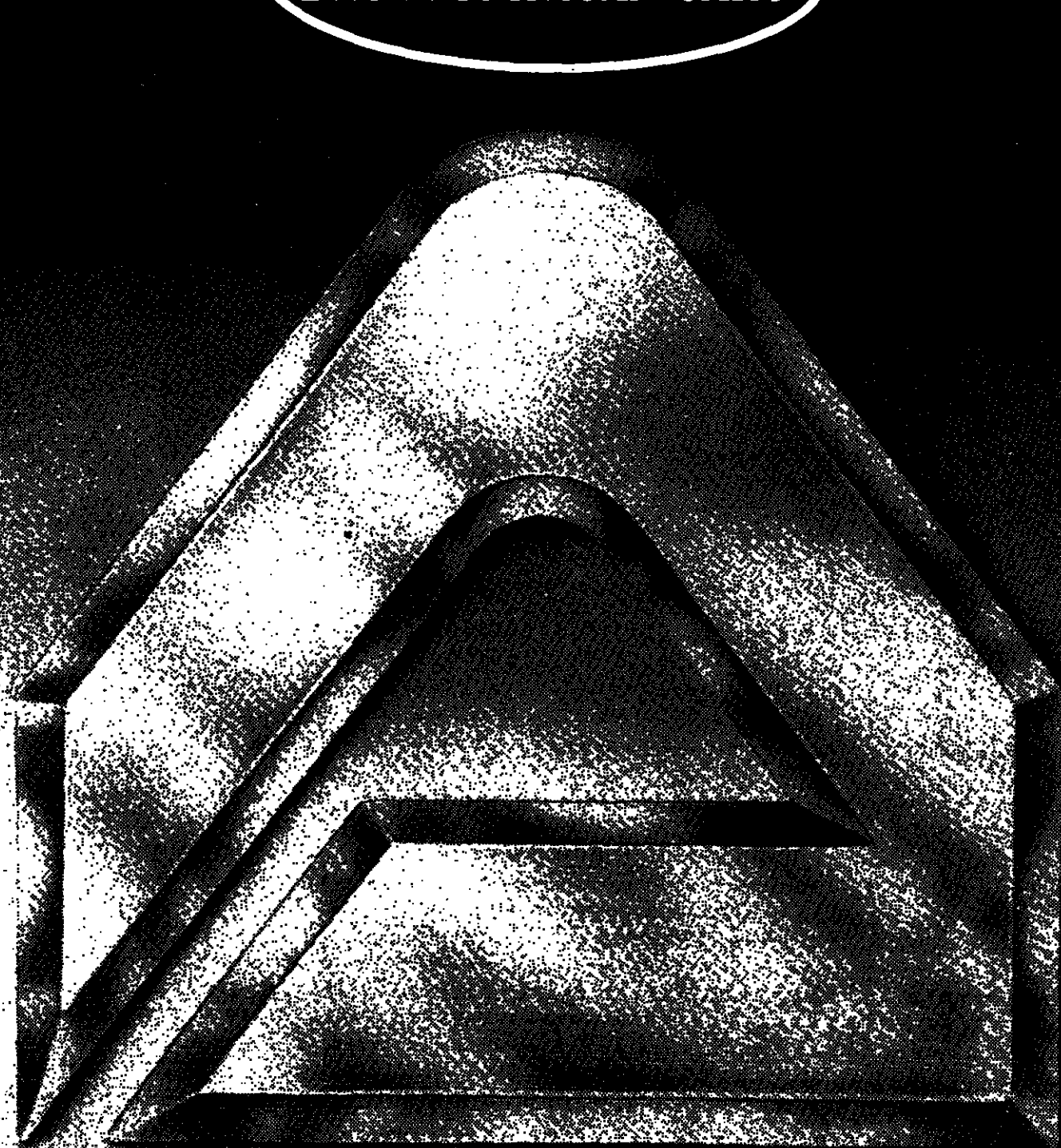
MINNEAPOLIS: Walter Mondale is going to teach the Poles a thing or two about democracy. The former vice-president, an unsuccessful presidential candidate, will join Sen. Pete Domenici Republican of New Mexico, and former Senators Howard Baker and Thomas Eagleton next week on a trip to Poland to advise leaders there. "If we can create and help create an independent Poland, that would do more for the national security of this country than another hundred billion dollars of guns because if Poland is free, the Russians could never fight a war in Europe," said Mondale, who is now in private law practice in Minneapolis. Mondale says his group's advice will focus on "how to run the parliament, the rules, the powers, the debate structure and the rest." (UPI)

IOWA: Professional wrestler Andre the Giant, AKA Andre Rossumoff is being sued by a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, TV cameraman. Ben Hildebrandt of KCRG says Andre attacked him after losing a match Aug 21, inflicting neck injuries and abrasions. Andre also faces assault and criminal mischief charges in the incident. (UPI)

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Bail for 'gunman' in NY rejected

NEW YORK, Sept. 2, (AP): The alleged gunman in the killing of a black youth in a white Brooklyn neighbourhood was ordered held without bail yesterday after pleading innocent.

Joseph Fama, 18, was placed in protective custody at the Brooklyn House of Detention after a hearing in Brooklyn criminal court, said correction department spokesman Tom Antonia.

Prosecutors said Fama was a leader of the gang of whites that chased four black teens on Aug 23 through the Bensonhurst area of Brooklyn, a district of New York. The whites were armed with baseball bats, golf clubs and at least one gun, prosecutors said. One of the blacks, 16-year-old Yusuf Hawkins, was fatally shot in the chest.

Fama fled after the shooting and remained a fugitive until early Thursday when he surrendered to police in northern New York state. He was returned to Brooklyn, where witnesses identified him in a lineup, Burns said.

Hours after his return, an estimated 7,500 protesters clashed with police during a march through Brooklyn. Twenty-three officers were injured in the brawl, and Mayor Edward I. Koch yesterday criticised those who fought with police.

Fama is charged with two counts of second-degree murder, assault, criminal possession of a weapon, menacing, riot and aggravated harassment.

Six other Bensonhurst men have been arrested in the attack, and two of them, Keith Mondello, 19, and Pasquale Raucci, 18, have been indicted on murder charges.

At their arraignment yesterday in a jammed courtroom at Brooklyn state Supreme Court, both pleaded innocent and Justice John J. Delury refused prosecutors' request that bail be revoked and allowed Mondello to remain free on \$100,000 bail and Raucci on \$75,000.

A tense confrontation followed a few moments later with the Rev. Al Sharpton, an adviser to the Hawkins family, shouting threats at Mondello's lawyer Stephen Murphy and calling him a murderer.

A few minutes later, outside the courthouse, a Sharpton supporter attacked a television camera crew that refused to stop filming Hawkins' family.

Two crew members who said they were punched said they would file a complaint. A newspaper photographer also said she was attacked by the group.

Meanwhile, black activists and the family of Hawkins prepared today for a second march through the predominantly white neighbourhood where the attack occurred.

Reverend Al Sharpton said a rally was planned for today at 2 pm in Bensonhurst to protest the continued release on bail of the two youths charged with murder in the killing and to call for the arrest of others involved in the attack.

"We're going to get you tomorrow in Bensonhurst," Sharpton said outside court after the arraignment of Fama.

A 19-year-old "Skinhead" pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of first-degree manslaughter for the racially motivated beating death of an Ethiopian man last fall.

AIDS drug overpriced

BOSTON, Sept. 2, (AP): A day's supply of the AIDS drug AZT costs possibly \$2 and 50 cents to manufacture but sells for \$9.

It is a discrepancy that highlights the arbitrary, often mysterious, fashion in which pharmaceutical companies decide how much to charge for medicines they hold exclusive rights to sell.

"The only thing we know is there is no objective social way of determining what the price should be except what the market will bear," said Dr Donald Rucker of the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy.

In the case of AZT, the market is likely to grow dramatically. Known generically as Azidothymidine and sold as Retrovir, AZT is the only AIDS drug approved by the US government.

Federal officials estimate that the drug could become routine therapy for more than 600,000 people.

Extortionists threaten to unleash rabid animals across Britain

LONDON, Sept. 2, (Reuters): Extortionists have threatened to unleash animals injected with rabies across Britain unless they are paid £2 million (\$3 million), police said yesterday.

A police spokesman said the threat was being taken seriously. The deadly virus is almost unknown in Britain, which has strict quarantine rules.

Earlier this year in Britain baby food was spiked with glass splinters by a consumer terrorist demanding £1 million (\$1.5

US steps up drive to force ouster of Noriega

PANAMA CITY, Panama, Sept. 2, (Agencies): The US government will go after the personal assets of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega and his friends and companies he controls in stepping up its drive against the Panamanian leader, US officials say.

They said yesterday that Washington is compiling a list of companies and individuals associated with Noriega to block their assets and affect their financially by keeping them from doing any kind of business with US individuals, agencies or companies.

"We are going after Noriega's cronies and firms he is identified with," one US embassy official told the Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity. Officials said the list will be made public within days and would include dozens of firms.

In its efforts to force the ouster of Noriega, whom it accuses of drug trafficking, the US government imposed economic sanctions on Panama last year. The measures include withholding tax payments, freezing Panamanian government assets in the United States and refusing to pay Panama canal tolls.

The total amount retained by the US government is estimated at close to \$300 million.

But the sanctions have failed to budge the general, who as commander of the Panamanian Defence Forces is the most powerful individual in the country. The defence forces include both the military and the police.

Opposition leaders have said the US sanctions affect low-income groups by aggravating the economic crisis.

The US embassy official said the new strategy was more selective and avoided measures that hurt the Panamanian population.

Yesterday, Michael Kozak, deputy undersecretary of state for Latin American affairs, said in Washington that the United States intended to "put pressure on firms and friends of the regime without damaging the economy."

President George Bush said yesterday the United States will not recognise Francisco Rodriguez, the provisional president named by the Panamanian government, because his appointment was the work of Noriega.

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Drug boss collared

One of the most wanted Bolivian drug trafficker Jose Ali Parada was presented to the press by authorities of La Paz yesterday. Parada was sentenced in

absentia to 10 years in jail and was captured in a raid in the eastern town of Santa Cruz. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF



Ortega leads

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega waves a cowboy hat and leads a parade in the rural town of Esquipulas, 80 km from Managua on Wednesday. Speaking to a crowd of farmers, Ortega said more than 1,000 jailed Contras will soon be released.



Senator cocaine

Spanish parliamentarian Enrique Bolin, centre, is driven to court in Gibraltar to face charges of cocaine possession. He was sentenced to four months in jail. He is a senator for the opposition conservative Popular Party. (Reuters wirephoto)

US report calls: A US government report said yesterday that anabolic steroids should be designated a federally controlled substance after finding that steroids lead to increased risk of heart disease.

The report by the General Accounting Office (GAO) was based on 15 studies of the US use of steroids, which have been used to increase body bulk and endurance by athletes.

The International Olympic Committee has banned use of steroids for Olympic athletes. Ten athletes were thrown out of the Seoul Games for failing steroids tests, including sprinter Ben Johnson of Canada who was stripped of the 100 metres gold medal.

The GAO report also concluded that the United States has distributed over 53 million grams of steroids here and abroad in the last decade and 26.2 million grams were imported into the country in the same period. (Reuters)

Musican admits: Adam Clayton, bass guitarist with the rock 'n' roll group U2, confessed to a marijuana offense in a court appearance yesterday.

Justice Desmond Windle discharged Clayton without a conviction when the musician agreed to contribute 25,000 pounds (\$34,500) to a charity, the Dublin Women's Aid and Refugee centre.

Clayton 29, admitted having cannabis unlawfully in a parking lot of a pub near his home. A second charge of possessing the drug to supply others was withdrawn by the prosecution.

The court was told that 19 grams of marijuana was found in the trunk of the car, and that Clayton had been sitting in the trunk. Clayton was arrested on Aug 6, and police said a Swiss army knife in Clayton's possession had traces of marijuana on one blade.

Clayton, who was accompanied to the hearing by U2 manager Paul McGuinness and drummer Larry Mullen, refused to speak to reporters outside the court. (AP)

Coup leader sentenced: The leader of last year's attempted coup in Sao Tome E Principe has been sentenced to 22 years imprisonment, the Portuguese state news agency Lusa reported yesterday.

The report said a court in Sao Tome, the capital of the two-island nation in the West African archipelago, convicted Afonso dos Santos on Thursday of leading an attempt to overthrow President Manuel Pinto de Costa in March 1988.

After a month-long trial, 38 other people received jail terms from two to 21 years for their parts in the attempted coup. Four people were acquitted.

Colombia wants arms but not foreign troops

Anti-drug newspaper's office bombed

BOGOTA, Colombia, Sept. 2, (Agencies): Colombia awaited the arrival of US material aid for its war against the nation's cocaine barons, but the defence minister said foreign troops are not needed. "We can face this challenge alone" Gen. Oscar Botero said yesterday.

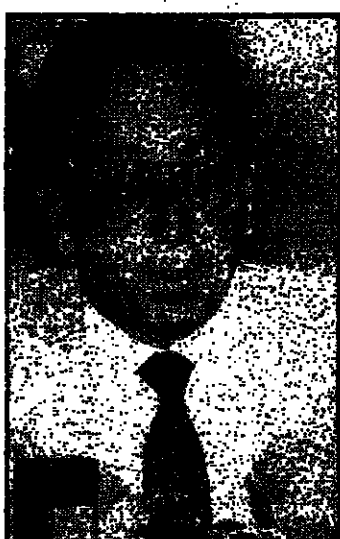
He said 100 police officers were sent to Medellin, home of the world's most powerful cocaine cartel, to strengthen the 4,000-member police garrison in that northwestern city.

A powerful explosion today damaged the building housing a leading

Colombian newspaper which has been a long-time critic of drug traffickers, police and fishermen said. Radio reports said at least three people were wounded in the blast.

The publisher of El Espectador, Guillermo Cano, was assassinated in December, 1986 as he was driving away from the building. Drug traffickers are suspected by police of being behind the killing.

Police said the explosion today at El Espectador was caused by dynamite planted in a vehicle apparently parked at a petrol station next to the newspaper building in the Western section of the capital.



Juan Gomez Martinez, the mayor of the city of Medellin, Colombia, said Friday that the government will eventually have to resort to a dialogue with drug traffickers in order to stop the war. (Reuters wirephoto)



Botero vows Colombia will continue its war on drug cocaine lords. (Reuters wirephoto)

Israeli denies, admits

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2, (KUNA): Israeli Army reserve Lt Col Yair Klein, a mercenary linked to a training film for drug assassins, yesterday offered only conditional denials he trained the men held for the murder of Luis Carlos Galan, the leading candidate for Colombia's upcoming presidential elections.

Galan was murdered Aug 18, and the killing sparked a massive, continuing crackdown by the Bogota government against the Medellin and other cocaine cartels.

In an interview with The New York Times in Tel Aviv, Klein alleged "I did not work with drug dealers." But pressed on the issue, he acknowledged that "if drug dealers got into the group we worked with, one or two of them, then God only knows."

Asked to produce a receipt from the Colombian government he claimed "validated" his contention, the Israeli reserve officer said he left it in Colombia.

But he also said, in what appeared a veiled admission of some involvement with drug figures, "I have no doubt that the large part of the people we taught were not drug dealers."

He admitted that he could have been "naïve" not to realise the potential for cocaine dealers infiltrating his training course, adding cynically, "It's also naïve to think there is justice in the world."

Klein and his training and film production firm, "Spearhead, Inc.," reportedly have been under investigation by the Colombian and Israeli governments for several weeks.

The probe started after a US television news programme broadcast part of what then was described as a drug dealers' murder and demolition training film. Klein and other Hebrew-speaking instructors were featured prominently in the 40-minute videotape.

Of the several men on the film identified by Colombian authorities as members of the Medellin cartel, Klein did not dispute that link but said, "These people were visitors from outside I didn't know."

Klein claimed in the two-hour interview, as he has for the last week, that he believed he was training not drug assassins but farmers threatened by leftist guerrillas.

However, analysts have pointed out that the ranchers have been in league with the drug dealers for some time now.

Drug policy under attack

State Dept criticised

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2, (AP): Drug Control Policy Director William J. Bennett had submitted a draft anti-drug plan that challenged some of the nation's foreign policies and accused US diplomats of failing to stress the war on drugs.

However, the final US drug strategy deletes some of Bennett's criticism, an administration source said yesterday. The final version will be sent to Congress next Tuesday as President George Bush announces unclassified aspects of the new strategy.

A draft of the international section of the drug strategy, obtained by the Associated Press, indirectly criticises the State Department for its lack of emphasis on the drug issue, something congressional critics have hammered for years.

The draft says that if the United States wants to broaden support for its international counter-drug objectives, a "vigorous, co-ordinated public diplomacy programme" is essential.

"The nation's programmes in this area are overshadowed by the absence of importance given the drug issue as a foreign policy concern," the draft strategy says. "They remain unconvincing. This situation is in urgent need of revision."

The source rejected the idea that this criticism was aimed at overall diplomatic efforts overseas, saying instead that it targeted the US Information Agency, a part of the State

Department, which disseminates the US government message to the people of foreign countries. The USIA runs, among others things, the Voice of America Radio Network.

"In terms of international messages that we are sending overseas, the drug issue has not been given a top priority," the source said. "Soviet relations, East-West issues get a lot more attention than the drug issue, and it's time to change."

Congressman Charles Rangel, chairman of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, has criticised not only USIA but the State Department as well, saying, "Drugs has always been on the back burner of our foreign policy, and it's time to move it to the top."

The draft also notes that some Andean nations in South America face economic instability and political insurgencies that pose major problems for those governments pressured by the United States to eradicate drugs.

"In certain areas and circumstances, eradication may be the best and most cost-effective approach to drug crop suppression," the draft says. "In others it can be self-defeating, driving farmers into the ranks of anti-government insurgency movements, or displacing them to other areas which cannot be easily reached."

These statements are not included in the final version, the source said.

LA drug money misused

Cops suspended

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2, (Reuters): In what could be the largest corruption case ever involving the Los Angeles sheriff's department, nine veteran narcotics officers were suspended yesterday for allegedly misusing funds seized in drug raids.

"I deeply regret that I have to tell you that corruption has apparently touched members of my department and caused great embarrassment to all of us who wear a badge," said Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block.

"The nature of the misconduct is misappropriation of seized money," he told reporters without giving any figures of the sums involved. "It's the first time anything of this magnitude has been suspected," he said.

Larry Lawler, special agent-in-charge of the FBI's Los Angeles office, said: "The only thing we can say about the money is it was not handled properly... it never reached the evidence locker."

The officers were all members of the same narcotics team which focused on major drug traffickers, according to Block. They will be suspended without pay while the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service complete their inquiry.



Killer volcano erupts

THE Nevado Ruiz volcano, which killed 23,000 people in Colombia's worst natural disaster in 1985, erupted on Friday causing the evacuation of 3,000 people from nearby towns and villages.

Volcanic activity eased later in the day and the government reduced a high priority "red alert" to a lesser "orange alert" but said those evacuated could not return to their homes until the volcano quieted down even more.

The volume of ash belching from the 5,400 metre (17,800 foot) volcano had declined by late afternoon, said Maria

Clara Valencia, an official of the president's national disaster prevention office.

At midday, the column of black and brown ash was about 800 metres (yards) high, according to a Reuters correspondent who flew over the volcano.

The volcano also spewed molten rock and hurled porous rocks one centimetre (half an inch) thick as far as five km (three miles) from the crater at the height of the eruption, Nicolas Garcia of the disaster office said in Bogota. (Reuters wirephoto)

Violator flees Japan

TOKYO, Sept. 2, (AP) — An East German official, being investigated in connection with alleged exports of sensitive technology to the East bloc left Japan for home last week before questioning was completed, newspapers reported today.

The Tokyo metropolitan police agency twice in late August questioned Kurt Kahler, director of the Tokyo office of Elektrotechnik Export-Import, an East German electronics trading company, after the Yomiuri Shimbun and other national newspapers reported.

Police suspect that Kahler, who had lived in Japan for four years, purchased semiconductor parts for Prometron Technics Co., a Japanese machinery manufacturer, and shipped them to East Germany, the reports said.

The reports said Kahler left Japan last Sunday before the investigation was completed.

The metropolitan police refused to answer inquiries about the investigation.

Prometron president Hirokuni Matsuda was arrested July 7 for allegedly supplying East Germany with more than 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of hafnium, a rare material that can be used in nuclear reactor rods, in 1986 and 1987.

He was rearrested on July 17 on suspicion of exporting restricted Canon, Inc. semiconductor manufacturing equipment valued at 120 million yen (\$875,000) via South Korea and China to East Germany in 1987.

Exports of high technology equipment are restricted by the Co-ordinating Committee of Multilateral Export Control, or COCOM, a Paris-based Western watchdog body regulating trade in strategic items.

Spycatchers gather

BOSTON, Sept. 2, (AP) — The meeting this weekend on the 50th anniversary of World War II resembles a group of well-heeled retirees, but their collective secrets span a world of intrigue.

The 120 former spycatchers were among more than 20,000 who ferreted out spies and thwarted saboteurs from Europe to the Pacific theatre for a secret agency: The army's counterintelligence corps.

Arriving in Boston with tiny gold spindles as tie clasps, many seemed to shrink from the new light cast on their agency.

Much of the secrecy surrounding the CIC, as former agents call it, ended in 1983 after the capture of Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie in Bolivia and his extradition to France. A former agent went public with the information that the CIC had used Barbie as a paid informant.

The resulting controversy is one that the former agents are sensitive about. In fact, they're sensitive to just about everything. None of the agents wore trenchcoats last week but they're still on their guard. Some would tell war stories. Others wouldn't even give their age.

"You people forget we were at war," said Jack Brockway, 75, of

Terror attack Airlines beware

NEW YORK, Sept. 2, (AP) — A warning of possible terrorist action was issued this week to airlines in the United States by the Federal Aviation Administration, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The daily News said the warning was contained in a general bulletin from the FAA that said a radical Palestinian group might be planning an attack.

"The timing, location and the nature of the alleged attack is unknown," the news quoted the bulletin as saying. It said information about the possible attack came from the FBI's New York office.

FAA spokesman John Leyden said the agency's rules forbid discussing bulletins but added that 30 such bulletins were issued last year.

The warnings go to airlines, but are not circulated to the general public, a policy that drew criticism in the wake of the December bombing of a Pan Am jetliner that crashed in Scotland, killing 270 people. Such a bulletin had been circulated before that crash.

FBI spokesman Joseph Valiquette said he could not comment on the report.

At Kennedy international airport in New York, installation of an FAA mandated detector to check baggage for plastic explosives was proceeding at the TWA terminal, said Diane Spitaliere of the FAA's New York office.

Judge clears Weather Service of negligence

FORT WORTH, Texas, Sept. 2, (Agencies) — A federal judge yesterday absolved the National Weather Service and air traffic controllers of negligence in the 1985 fatal crash of a Delta Air Lines jet during a severe thunderstorm.

The judge said the crew was negligent for trying to land in the storm.

In a 72-page opinion, US district judge David O. Belew Jr. said that Delta Air Lines "failed to prove that the United States of America was guilty of any negligence."

In the longest major aviation trial in US history, attorneys for Delta had argued that the National Weather Service had to be blamed for the crash at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport because crew members didn't have sufficient warning about the severity of a thunderstorm at the airport.

The airline had sought to make

the government pay all or part of the millions of dollars in claims arising from the crash.

The Atlanta-based airline said it would appeal.

In Washington, Joe Friday, assistant administrator for weather services at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said: "We are continuing to work with the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) and the aviation industry to improve our science and technology so that this kind of tragedy will not be repeated."

The Lockheed L-1011, en route from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Dallas, crashed trying to land at DFW on Aug. 2, 1985, when it was caught in a downburst of wind during a thunderstorm. The accident killed 137, and 27 people on board survived.

In Washington, James Bussey, FAA administrator, expressed relief over the decision.

US sergeant charged

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Sept. 2, (AP) — A former US Army sergeant has been charged with treason for allegedly running an international spy ring that sold secrets to communist East Bloc agents, West German officials said yesterday.

The case of the former US Army Sgt. 1st class Clyde Lee Conrad is the first time a foreign resident living in West Germany has been charged with treason, said Hans-Juergen Foerster, a spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office.

Foerster said Conrad faces a maximum sentence of life in prison if he is found guilty of treason.

Conrad's case made news headlines after his arrest Aug. 23, 1988, on suspicion of heading a West German-based international spy ring with contacts in Sweden and Vienna, Austria.

Highlands, North Carolina, one of the 1,800 surviving CIC agents. "It was kill or be killed. I'm loyal to the United States. We had to pay Barbie. He turned in a bunch of Nazis."

Among themselves, the agents swap the kind of stories that sound as if they came out of cold war-era potboilers.

CIC agents were involved in the hunt for Japan's General Tojo, the elaborate security surrounding D-Day, and the Manhattan project. They also found and brought back to public life Konrad Adenauer, who had been under house arrest by the Nazis, and who later

became the first chancellor of West Germany.

Robert C. Ebaugh Jr was 30 when he was used as a decoy for President Franklin D. Roosevelt in December 1943. Allied leaders meeting in Tehran had learned that German agents had parachuted into the area to assassinate Roosevelt.

Ebaugh, who bore a resemblance to Roosevelt, rode in the president's car during the 5-mile (8-kilometre) trip from the airport to the city, wearing Roosevelt's hat and cape with a cigarette holder in his mouth. Luckily, nothing happened.

Honecker healthy: East German leader

Erich Honecker was released from hospital in good health, the official East German news agency said yesterday in a report contradicting reports the 77-year-old head of state was seriously ill.

The government-run agency said in a brief article that Honecker had started a "recovery vacation" after undergoing a successful gall bladder operation.

The agency said Honecker was now in good health but gave no further details. (UPI)

Labour leads: Britain's main opposition Labour Party's lead over the Conservatives has halved to three per cent, according to a new poll here.

Observers said the news will come as a major blow to the Labour leader Neil Kinnock after a period earlier in the year when his party was riding high in all the polls with a double-figure lead over the Thatcher government.

They agreed that the government was facing troubles at this stage in the parliament, with high interest rates, relatively high inflation, the imminent onset of the community charge (a new system for rates on property) and unpopular national health service reforms in the offing. (KUNA)

Asked to remain: A missing Russian musician, Viktor Borisov, who vanished in Scotland two months ago, has asked to remain in Britain, British police disclosed yesterday.

Borisov, 42, disappeared on July 3, in Glasgow, where he was among a visiting trade and cultural delegation from the Russian city of Rostov-Don, twinned with the Scottish city of Glasgow.

His visitor's visa was due to expire at the end of September.

But Glasgow police said yesterday they were checking their missing person file on him. "A letter has been received from the Home Office requesting an extension of leave to remain in the UK, and the application is being considered," police said. (KUNA)

Petition drive: The American Legion, a veterans' organization angered by a recent supreme court decision affirming the right of Americans to desecrate the US flag, has collected one million signatures opposing the ruling.

Legion spokesmen here said 40,000 signatures were coming in every day, and that the petition drive was part of moves backing a constitutional amendment making it a crime to burn, walk on or otherwise desecrate an American flag.

Senate majority leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.) a decorated World War two veteran, said legislation calling for the amendment has been scheduled for Oct. 16. (KUNA)

Pledge to pressure: Environmental groups at a United Nations conference pledged to impose stricter controls on substances harmful to the earth's protective ozone layer.

"So far only a minority of governments support the stringent proposals. It's very distressing to us," David Doniger, an attorney with the Washington-based natural resources defence council, told Reuters.

Scientists, government representatives and environmental experts opened a 10-day conference here on Wednesday to devise amendments to a 1987 treaty on ozone depletion. (Reuters)

Pay raises proposed: To compete with universities and industry for the best and the brightest, the US government should be able to hire 500 "world-class" experts for whatever pay the market demands, a consulting company says.

The Wyatt Co. of Philadelphia, in what is described as the most comprehensive study of the government's salary system, also recommends supplemental pay for top federal

Probe into slaying Stallone may be questioned

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 2, (AP) — Police investigating the slaying of entertainment executive Jose Menendez and his wife plan to interview actor Sylvester Stallone, according to a report today.

The Los Angeles Times report said Stallone was not a suspect in the deaths.

He is a director of a film company that owns almost half of the stock in Live Entertainment Inc., the company that Menendez headed, and was to be questioned about some of his business contacts, the Times said, quoting law enforcement sources it did not name.

Calls to the actor and his attorney were not immediately returned.

Menendez, 43, and his wife Kitty, 44, were shot and killed Aug. 20 in their Beverly Hills mansion.

Stallone starred in the "Rambo" movies, the main commercial successes for Carolco Pictures Inc., which owns 49 per cent of Live Entertainment. Stallone is a member of Carolco's board of directors. Menendez also was a director and executive vice-president of Carolco.

Live Entertainment was formed earlier this year from the merger of International Video Entertainment, a video distributor, and Lieberman Enterprises, a Minneapolis-based music and video company.

Stallone had about a 10 per cent interest in International Video Entertainment until it merged with Lieberman in 1988.

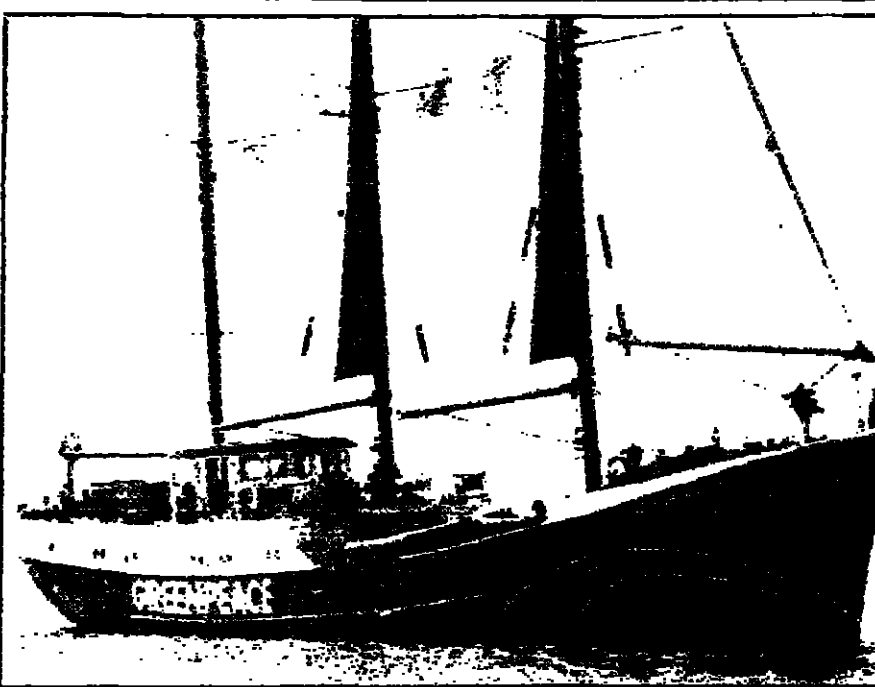
Belgium is currently serving a prison sentence in France for financing the smuggling of 44 pounds (20 kg) of heroin between Europe and the United States. (UPI)

Committed for trial: A former Zambian army commander and ambassador to West Germany and three other senior army officers charged with treason were committed yesterday for trial in the high court, court officials said.

But no date was set for the trial of Lieutenant-General Christine Tembo, 45, former army chief and ambassador to Bonn, Lieutenant-Colonel Bizwayo Newton Nkunka, 40, Lieutenant-Colonel Chongo Shula, 37, and Major Epyrius Knight Mulenga, 36.

The four, who did not plead in yesterday's brief hearing at a heavily-guarded magistrate's court, were charged on Wednesday with conspiring to overthrow President Kenneth Kaunda's government and trying to persuade other officers to join them. (Reuters)

His brother, Francis, 43, known as "The



Rainbow Warrior returns

The new Greenpeace flagship sailed into French waters yesterday to haunt France's conscience four years after secret agents sank its predecessor in New Zealand.

The 540-tonne Rainbow Warrior is on its way to the Pacific to campaign against French nuclear testing on the Mururoa Atoll.

French agents halted a similar voyage in 1985 when they bombed Greenpeace's previous flagship — also called the Rainbow Warrior — in Auckland harbour to stop it reaching the islands. A Greenpeace photographer died in the attack.

Local officials snubbed the triple-masted vessel when it arrived in the Atlantic port of La Rochelle. (Reuters wirephoto)

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INTERNATIONAL

'Bloody Chinese revolt possible'

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (Agencies): China faces the prospect of another bloody revolt because of instability in the communist leadership, divisions in the military and severe economic problems, US China specialist Harrison Salisbury said yesterday.

"There is bound to be another crisis and that will have to come within the next couple of years," said Salisbury, a Pulitzer prize-winning journalist who has written several books on China and the Soviet Union since retiring from the New York Times in 1975.

When asked during an interview if the turmoil would lead to violent unrest, Salisbury said: "I don't see any other way."

Salisbury was in Beijing when the People's Liberation Army moved to crush the pro-democracy movement June 3-4. Some Western estimates say that as many as 3,000 people died in street clashes.

In "Tiananmen Diary," a book released yesterday, Salisbury described the chaos in the Chinese capital and scenes of carnage he witnessed from his room in the Beijing hotel as troops in tanks and soldiers armed with automatic weapons moved to disperse demonstrators at Tiananmen Square, the symbolic heart of the nation.

Now, Salisbury said, people in China "are completely despondent. They see no way out of the troubles facing the nation."

"They (the Chinese) were in what I would call shallow trouble before June," Salisbury said. He cited problems linked to senior leader Deng Xiaoping's ambitious programme to implement market-oriented reforms as the major economic dilemma, particularly high inflation that led officials to slow the pace of change.

"But they were the kind of problems that an efficient government or a semi-efficient government could cope with," Salisbury said.

"But instead of coping with that, they had this crackdown which, in a sense, has been utilised to blur all the problems by concentrating on this pseudo, so-called revolution and all that. They can divert their own attention from the basic problems, but they are still there, every single one of them, and are intensified by every step they've taken since then."

China today accused a UN subcommittee of brazenly interfering in Chinese affairs with a resolution criticising the bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in June.

The UN sub-committee on prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities adopted a resolution Thursday appealing to China to grant clemency for protest participants who have been detained or arrested.

Amnesty International yesterday called on China to respond adequately to a report in which it accused Beijing of using secret execution, torture and mass arrests to quash dissent.

China on Thursday slammed Amnesty for interfering in its internal affairs and called the report "unreasonable and without foundation."

China has completed a four-year drive to demobilise one million members of the People's Liberation Army, including 600,000 officers, and official newspaper said today.

China has sent schoolchildren to military training since a student-led campaign for democracy was crushed by the Army in June.

A senior education official today announced plans to tighten policies on sending college students overseas following the crackdown on the student-led democracy movement, including a reduction in the number of post-graduate students abroad.

China's communist government has forbidden the Pope's plane to fly over China when John Paul II travels to Asia in October, an Alitalia airline spokesman said.

The spokesman, Gianpiero Piva, said the Beijing government had not given an official explanation for the decision. The Italian carrier is to fly the Pope on Oct 6 to Seoul, South Korea, the first stop on the 10-day trip.

Hailstorms kill 26 in Guizhou

BEIJING, Sept. 2. (AP): Hailstorms have killed 26 people and left 74 hurt in southwest China's Guizhou province, according to the official Xinhua news agency.

Storms in the past few days have damaged 9,791 homes and 17,000 hectares (41,990 acres) of crops, the Friday report said. It did not say when the storms began or how the victims were killed or injured.

S. Africa attacks apartheid busters

450 arrested; people beaten and whipped

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 2. (Agencies): Riot police fired tear-gas and water cannons into anti-government demonstrators near the Parliament building today, arresting as many as 450 people drenched in purple dye and detaining dozens of reporters and television crew.

Scores of demonstrators were bundled into trucks in batches of 20 at a time and taken to local police stations as the minority white government intensified its actions against a month-old civil disobedience campaign.

Witnesses said several people were beaten and whipped as police chased them through the city streets, causing an undetermined number of injuries.

Among those arrested were the Rev. Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and his attorney, Essa Moosa, Reuters correspondent Brendan Boyle and camera crews from CBS, Visnews and World-wide Television News.

An assistant at Moosa's office said lawyers had reported "about 450" people arrested.

Today's actions in Cape Town, the country's oldest and second largest city, came just four days before parliamentary elections for white, Indian and mixed-race voters but which exclude the black majority.



Anti-apartheid protesters help a colleague escape as police fire water cannon and tear-gas to break up a demonstration by some 2,000 protesters in Cape Town yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)



Demonstrators flee tear-gas and water cannon fired by riot police during a clash in central Cape Town yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Old aunties' rule for party

Chinese neighbourhood committees

BEIJING, Sept. 2. (AP): Gao Yugui and her seven "old aunties" preside over shady willow street like boarding school headmistresses, poking their noses into everyone's business with government blessing.

Did someone park their winter coal supply in front of someone else's door? Is a mother-in-law quarrelling with her daughter-in-law? Is a student playing home from school? Is anyone marrying? Pregnant? Getting divorced?

The 72-year-old Mrs Gao, the white-haired head of shady willow street's neighbourhood committee, regards all this and more as her business.

Her eight-member committee of retired women, and committees just like it in every neighbourhood of every city in China, are the very backbone of the communist government's public-control system, the most grass-roots link in the chain of supervision. The unpaid committees are appointed by local authorities.

"Everyone knows me," Mrs Gao said of her 1,085-family neighbourhood, made up of one main street and seven small alleys. "When people hear 'old auntie' has come, it's 'please come in.'"

Many urban Chinese are less warm in their descriptions of the "lao dama" — old aunties — of the neighbourhood committees, regarding them as nuisances at best, and dangerous snobs at worst.

During the spring democracy movement, when hundreds of thousands of Beijing students and ordinary citizens poured into the streets to march for reform, the committees came into their own.

On many streets, the old aunties went door to door urging residents not to join the protests. Their armies of political activists in red armbands, also all retired, stepped up patrols of the neighbourhoods for unusual activity.

After the Army used force to clear away the protesters on June 3-4, the committees helped search homes for any weapons stolen from the Army, and reported on residents suspected of "counter-revolutionary" activities.

Mrs Gao kept such good order in her domain that Shady Willow Street has been named a model "People's Army Co-operation Street."

A special circular issued by the party propaganda department declared the neighbourhood an example of building "socialist spiritual civilisation" and said Mrs Gao's committee showed "a firm political stand, a high degree of socialist consciousness and a lofty patriotism."

Mrs Gao said she had no sympathy for the protesters, not even for the students whose weeklong hunger strike brought one million concerned Beijing residents into the streets.

"It's hard to get into college and the government spends money to train them," she said. "If their health is ruined, how can they make contributions to the country?"

Not one of the neighbourhood's 3,750 residents, not even its 34 college students, took part in the protests, she said. Two students went to have a look — just once, she said, and only to see the excitement. Then they went back to their books, checked on daily by her and the other old aunties.

Some older residents also went to look, she conceded, but "very few, very few."

"Mrs Gao has lived here many years and all the students know her ... and love her," said Fan Shuyun, a young woman official from the local subdistrict office. "So they listen to what she says."

If they don't love her, they might well fear her and her fellow aunties.

Trucks carrying hundreds of police surrounded St Georges Cathedral and an adjacent hall where Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu was holding a midday meeting inside with supporters about the morning police action. Witnesses said the situation was tense.

Unofficial reports estimated as many as 30 journalists, cameramen and photographers were arrested. Brig. Leon Mellet, spokesman for the law and order ministry, said they would be charged for violating regulations under a three-year-old state of emergency.

"We cannot allow these propaganda efforts by the Mass Democratic Movement to tarnish South Africa's image abroad where a destructive view is being created by totally slanted reports emanating from South Africa," he said.

Police released Tutu, his wife and 34 others after detaining them for four hours yesterday for marching from Cape Town's Anglican Cathedral in protest against the beating of fellow clerics.

"I am increasingly proud of being part of a community that has decided enough is enough with apartheid," Tutu told a news conference after his release.

Authorities had deployed scores of police in Cape Town today in anticipation of a march on parliament and banned anti-apartheid weekend rallies scheduled to be held in Johannesburg's black satellite city of Soweto and in the capital of Pretoria.

Outside Soweto's Jabulani stadium, black soldiers of the 21st battalion under white officers patrolled the area to enforce the ban on the rally. Dozens of police also were deployed in the area.

About 450 black, white and mixed-race demonstrators attempting to assemble for the march on parliament headed to Burg Street on the edge of Green Market Square where a Saturday flea market draws throngs of shoppers to the city.

The demonstrators marched to the edge of the square where police issued a 10-minute warning to disperse as a chilly drizzle fell.

The demonstrators refused, sitting down in the street and clapping. Police trained a water cannon on the crowd. One demonstrator wearing a red headband leaped onto the turret, twisting the nozzle away from the crowd and removing the supply pipes.

He escaped as police grabbed at his ankles.

Tear-gas was fired to send the marchers fleeing down narrow lanes nearby. Police on foot and aboard yellow trucks raced after them as a helicopter hovered overhead, grabbing anyone stained with the purple dye.

Two doctors with Red Cross markings on their shirts and eight paramedics were dragged out of a University of Cape Town mobile clinic van and arrested, witnesses said.

Police raided the Inn on the Square Hotel, arresting a CBS television crew during a room-to-room search, and also raided media services.

In the Indian Ocean port city of Durban, police said suspected right-wing extremists were responsible for several light bomb blasts this morning along a beachfront where activists are expected tomorrow to defy segregated beach laws.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Margaret Tutwiler said the United States had conveyed its "deep concern" to the South African government over the arrests and urged Pretoria "to permit peaceful expression of political dissent."



A Hungarian relief worker comforts a distraught East German refugee at Csillerberg refugee camp in Hungary. (Reuters wirephoto)

E. Germans filling camps

Mass exodus likely

BUDAPEST, Sept. 2. (Agencies): East Germans seeking to go to the West flooded into makeshift camps in Hungary today amid reports that a mass evacuation to West Germany was being organised.

Aid agencies continued working round the clock today to set up emergency camps in anticipation of the largest exodus of East Germans to the West since the construction of the Berlin Wall.

Red Cross Society and government aid officials in the southern German state of Bavaria said they hoped to finish the erection of five tented camps, by tomorrow, following reports that as many as 20,000 East Germans would flood into the country.

The officials said the humanitarian operation would be the largest in Bavaria since the end of World War II, while the exodus is expected to be the biggest since thousands of East Germans fled to West Berlin in the days before the Aug 13, 1961 erection of the Berlin Wall.

The head of the largest of the camps run by the Red Cross said 200 East Germans had arrived by mid-morning and others were streaming in all the time.

"They have gone crazy over rumours based on Western press

reports," Andras Kovacs, head of the camp at Csillerberg in the outskirts of Budapest, told Reuters. "They believe that if they come to the camp they will be given a kind of passport issued by the International Red Cross and taken straight to West Germany," he said.

"We know nothing about such an agreement," he added.

However, West German and Hungarian statements have made it clear something is being organised at official level to solve the problem of East Germans seeking to use Hungary's open border and liberal policies as a springboard to the West.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Gyula Horn was reported by the official MTI news agency to have briefed his East German counterpart Oskar Fischer on Thursday on the planned Hungarian measures aimed to bring a rapid solution.

In West Germany, Social Democratic politician Karsten Voigt told reporters Hungary would very soon find a solution after the end of East German school holidays this weekend, based on the principle of allowing everybody who wanted to do so to leave the country.

Inciting Baltic trouble

Pravda raps West

MOSCOW, Sept. 2. (Reuters): Pravda accused Western radio stations today of trying to incite racial struggle in the Baltic republics.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper mounted the latest in a series of attacks on growing nationalism in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as Estonian communists assembled for a stormy meeting to discuss greater independence from Moscow.

Veteran commentator Yuri Zhukov said the Western media were encouraging anti-Moscow feeling in the once-independent republics.

"More and more frequently, programmes of the BBC, Deutsche Welle and Voice of America carry ill-considered promptings and reasonings in favour of the Baltic republics' withdrawal from the Soviet Union," he said.

"With astonishing flippancy ... they go as far as to incite armed struggle," he added.

Zhukov, who rose to prominence under now-discredited former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, said foreign forces trying to harm inter-ethnic relations in this way could do serious damage to co-operation between eastern and western Europe.

The article was the latest shot in a week-long campaign in the central Soviet media, apparently orchestrated by the Kremlin, against growing demands for autonomy and sometimes outright independence in the Baltic republics.

The attack followed a hard-line statement last Saturday by the Soviet Communist Party's central committee, endorsed by President Mikhail Gorbachev, accusing those it called extremists of trying to tear the country apart.

In the Estonian capital, Tallinn, about 1,000 local Communist Party activists gathered for what local journalists said was likely a stormy meeting to discuss a new programme for the republic's reform-minded party.

Cambodian resistance plans to step up attacks

ARANYAPRATHER, Thailand, Sept. 2. (UPI): The Cambodian resistance plans to step up attacks following the promised withdrawal of Vietnamese troops this month in an effort to seize territory and capture towns, a senior guerrilla commander said.

"We cannot stay with pure guerrilla tactics in the forests and leave the cities of (Vietnam-backed President) Heng Samrin," said Gen. Dien Del, second ranking commander of the non-communist Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF).

"We should try to hold territory. We should try to attack the cities," he said in an interview with United Press International north of the border town of Aranyaprathet.

Dien Del said the three resistance groups, had similar plans and would co-ordinate their attacks, although the two non-communist groups would not carry out joint operations with the Beijing-backed Khmer Rouge.

"I don't know if we can win an outright military victory, but we can force a settlement, then the military struggle will become a

political struggle and that we can win."

The guerrilla commander, one of the founders of the KPNLF, said the Heng Samrin government, installed by Vietnam after its 1979 victory over the Khmer Rouge, has not been able to build up a strong military or political structure.

He said Heng Samrin forces had become psychologically dependent on the use of Vietnamese-supplied battle tanks which he compared to the Soviet use of airpower in Afghanistan.

Rebels rocket Kabul airport

KABUL, Afghanistan, Sept. 2. (AP): At least two people were killed and more than six injured today when rockets slammed down around Kabul's main bazaar. Kabul airport also was hit by the heaviest attack in a year.

All flights in and out of the airport were suspended after as many as 30 rockets hit the area this morning, many falling near the main terminal building.

The government accuses the Muslim rebels, known as mujahedeen or Islamic holy warriors, of waging a terror campaign against the capital by killing civilians.

The rebels say they only shoot at military targets. The Kabul airport is both a military and a civilian facility.

Under today's fire, some passengers fled the terminal building and others sought shelter under staircases. A flight from New Delhi was sent back to India.

Casualty figures could not be immediately confirmed, but witnesses said a number of civilians were killed or injured when rockets hit houses near the airport.

"It was really heavy rocketing, really dangerous," said George von Reppert, a cameraman for German television who had been trying to depart for New Delhi.

The rocketing continued for more than three hours. Government forces fired back with rocket launchers stationed around the airport.

At the main bazaar, a rocket hit narrow alley of clothing stores at mid-afternoon, setting the area afire.

Firefighters said at least two people were killed and six injured serious enough to be taken to the hospital. Merchants struggled to get heavy boxes full of winter parkas away from the flames, and leaky hoses were used to spray the entire area with water.

The rocket attack on the airport, for three hours today came ahead of the expected departure of President Najibullah for the non-aligned summit in Belgrade.

At least one person was killed and four injured after about 30 rockets hit the airport, its customs sheds and nearby mud-brick houses.

Government sources said Najibullah was expected to leave the airport today for the Belgrade summit where he planned to push for a political settlement in the 10-year-old civil war with the mujahedeen Muslim rebels.

Sources close to the government reported heavy fighting around Kandahar, a strategic town close to the Pakistani border where last week rebels said they had launched a big offensive.

The sources said the rebels were within five km (three miles) of the town and that heavy rocket and artillery fire had virtually closed the airport.

Heavy fighting was also reported around the holy city of Mazar-i-Sharif in northern Afghanistan and around Jalalabad, the country's third largest city.

In-fighting

■ The bloody in-fighting between the two major Afghan mujahedeen groups — Hizbe Islami and Jamiat Islamic — indicate that in the coming days more mujahedeen would be killed than the Afghan government troops, English daily "Pakistan Times" said today.

With the mujahedeen interim government-in-exile failing to bring about a reconciliation between these two warring groups, it appears that a point of no return has been reached to stop this factional fighting, it said in its leading editorial.

In the editorial titled "Killing season" the newspaper said that the killing orgy between Gulbadin Hekmatyari's Hizbe and professor Rabbani's Jamiat fighters was a clear index of the worsened relations among the mujahedeen groups who constituted the interim government.

■ The Central Intelligence Agency removed the head of its task force directing aid to Afghan rebels after congressional criticism of the arms programme, the Washington Post said today.

MIDEAST



Shocking verdict

Two relatives stand in shock while a judge reads out verdict in a Cairo state security court. After a 17-month trial, the court passed life sentences on five Muslim militants with hard labour for trying to kill two former ministers and a prominent journalist. (Reuters wirephoto)

Five activists get life term

Assassination attempt

CAIRO, Sept 2, (AP): A Cairo court today sentenced five Muslim activists to life imprisonment at hard labour for attempting to murder two former cabinet ministers and a prominent journalist.

Twenty-one other defendants received prison terms of one year to 10 years at hard labour. Seven were acquitted.

During the 17-month trial, prosecutors demanded that the three-man State Security Court sentence 15 of the defendants to death by hanging.

Court President Omar El Ouefi read the judgement at a brief morning court session without specifying grounds for conviction or which of several pending charges the defendants were convicted on.

As he finished reading, some defendants shouted from the cages in which they were restrained: "Injustice." "We will kill the judge" and "This is a plot against Islam."

Discussing the verdict later with reporters, El Ouefi said seven of the defendants "agreed to form an illegal party and to declare (Egypt's) rulers and society infidel. They called for jihad to set up an Islamic state by force ... through bloodshed ... and violence."

For many fundamentalist Muslim extremists, Muslims with different interpretations of the faith are infidels who can be killed at will once jihad has been declared.

Moukhtar Noun, one of about 45 defence lawyers, said he would present a petition to President Hosni Mubarak to reduce the sentence or order a retrial.

Under the law, the judgement is subject to confirmation by Mubarak.

Three of those who received life terms are in custody — Youssi Abdel-Moneim, 30, and Amin Abdullah Gomaa, 32.

Tragedy was avoidable

Vincennes at fault

WASHINGTON, Sept 2, (AP): A naval commander, in unusually candid remarks, says the USS Vincennes "shot down for no good reason" an Iranian civilian airliner last year, killing all 290 aboard. "Many people still believe that the entire affair was precipitated by the Iranians themselves, or that the Vincennes defended herself against an attack," Cmdr David R. Carlson said in this month's US Naval Institute Proceedings magazine.

Carlson, commander of the USS Sides, a frigate that was on the scene in the Arabian Gulf when the USS Vincennes shot down the plane on July 3, 1988, clearly put the blame on actions taken by the ship rather than an act of self-defence.

"No profit has come from the pathetic postincident attempts to place the blame on the victims," he wrote. "View it as you will, Iran Air Flight 655 was shot down for no good reason."

"Having watched the performance of the Vincennes for a month before the incident, my impression was clearly that an atmosphere of restraint was not her long suit," Carlson wrote. "Her actions appeared to be consistently aggressive, and had become a topic of wardroom conversation."

UN panel condemns hostage-taking

GENEVA, Sept 2, (AP): A UN human rights panel yesterday adopted a resolution sponsored by Soviet and US delegates condemning hostage-taking and the murder of American Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins in Lebanon.

The sub-commission on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities agreed to the strongly worded proposal without a vote.

The resolution condemned "hostage-taking and the torture and murder which frequently accompany it," and "all who actively participate or implicitly tolerate such activities."

The subcommission said it "specifically condemns the abduction and murder of United Nations personnel, as most recently exemplified by the brutal murder of ... Lt. Col. William R. Higgins."

The resolution was sponsored by William Treat, an American member of the panel, and his Soviet counterpart Stanislav Chernichenko. Delegates from the United Kingdom, Argentina and Norway also put their name to it.

The UN estimates that 12 of its staff have been killed over the past 12 years.

Ethiopia releases political detainees

ADDIS ABABA, Sept 2, (Agencies): Ethiopia released more than 900 prisoners today, including three grandsons of the late Emperor Haile Selassie, official sources said.

Ethiopia's Marxist government gave no immediate official reason for the mass release, which comes less than a week before it is due to enter unconditional peace talks in the United States with rebels from the northern Eritrean province.

The sources said 907 prisoners were released. Among them were 84 political prisoners, including Selassie's three grandsons, the Princes Wossen Seged, Mekonnen, Mikale Mekonnen and Bed-Mariam Mekonnen.

They were the last members of the royal family, deposed in 1974, still known to be in detention.

The government released seven other members of the royal family in May last year, including Selassie's daughter, Princess Tenagnework, who is now 80, and his daughter-in-law, Sar Gizaw, the mother of the three princes released today.

The seven royals released last year and the three freed today had been in detention since radical army officers overthrew Selassie in 1974 and established a Marxist government with close links to Moscow.

Meanwhile, Ethiopia's president announced Thursday that rebels had launched a heavy surprise attack "on all fronts" in the northern part of this Horn of Africa nation.

The announcement by President Mengistu Haile Mariam came only hours after he had given an optimistic assessment of recent peace moves to the country's parliament, or Shengo.

But when the legislative assembly resumed its afternoon session, Mengistu reappeared to tell the deputies of a dawn offensive by the Tigray People's Liberation Front, or TPLF.

Mengistu called Thursday's attack "a regrettable and sad development." While he did not give casualty figures for either side, his description of the extent of the fighting suggested that government forces were being pushed back.

Mengistu had told the morning's opening session of parliament that his government would hold peace talks soon with the Tigrayan rebels.

Although he made no reference to those planned talks in his afternoon announcement of the TPLF offensive, the attack may have put any possible negotiations on indefinite hold.

The Ethiopian government announced yesterday that a special military tribunal will try suspects arrested in an attempted coup against President Mengistu Haile Mariam last May.

Rage over airing Days of Rage

WASHINGTON, Sept 2, (AP): Virtually all major public TV stations will air the controversial documentary "Days of Rage: The young Palestinians" Wednesday, despite claims it is biased and may have been funded improperly by an Arab group, a public broadcasting service official said yesterday.

Twenty-five of the 26 major-market public TV stations will carry the film, which has been mired in controversy since independent producer Jo Franklin-Trout gave it to PBS more than a year ago.

TV critics and Jewish groups have said it is biased against Israel in favour of the Palestinians, and Franklin-Trout has claimed PBS has reneged on previous air dates.

WNYC in New York cancelled a planned showing on June 5 after declaring that the movie was "pure propaganda," PBS spokeswoman Mary Jane McKinnon said yesterday.

This week an article by Steven Emerson in the Sept 18-25 issue of the New Republic said the Arab-American Cultural Foundation in Washington provided "substantial funds" to Franklin-Trout and her Pacific Productions.

Franklin-Trout was in Europe on business yesterday, according to a recorded message on her telephone in Washington.

She has said she paid the \$180,000 of the film out of her own pocket.

Emerson's article claimed the Arab foundation agreed in May 1988, before the film was

made, to provide funds following completion of the project if it approved of the end result.

Hisham Sharabi, a Georgetown University professor who heads the Arab Foundation, told the Washington Post "the AACF furnished no funds to Ms Trout for the production of the film, the foundation had no influence or control of any kind on the production of the film."

According to the Post, Sharabi confirmed Emerson's assertion that the foundation had agreed to acquire distribution rights for the documentary after its airing on PBS. "After we saw the film, in the fall of last year, we made a down payment, or a partial payment, of several thousand dollars toward the total of under \$30,000," the Post quotes Sharabi as saying.

WNET in New York will present the 90-minute "Days of Rage" Wednesday as part of a 2-1/2-hour programme on the Palestinian-Israeli dispute in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, McKinnon said. Other programmes on the issue, including a panel discussion about "Days of Rage" by Jewish and Arab representatives, will be shown at that time.

"If we discover information that the funding was not what it has been presented to be ... we would have to share that information with viewers," McKinnon said.

PBS guidelines prohibit editorial control or the perception of editorial control by a programme funders, or promotion of products in PBS-aired programmes, McKinnon said.

Iran accused of sabotaging talks

Iraq again calls for direct negotiations

BAGHDAD, Sept 2, (AP): A senior Iraqi official today accused Iran of sabotaging stalled peace talks by refusing to have face-to-face negotiations to formally end the eight-year Gulf war.

Deputy Foreign Minister Nizar Hamdoun told the Associated Press in an interview that there can be no lasting and comprehensive peace while Tehran rejects direct negotiations.

"Peace is like marriage, it needs two partners," he said. "If only one is present, there's no marriage."

Hamdoun was responding to a statement by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati last week in which he reiterated Tehran's rejection of direct negotiations.

"A peace settlement has been put off until the Iranian leadership takes the crucial decision to have face-to-face negotiations," Hamdoun said.

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Khaddafi talks tough

Colonel vows to aid revolts

TRIPOLI, Libya, Sept 2, (Agencies): Col Moammar Khaddafi, despite the past year's attempts to appear more moderate, has promised revolutionary movements that Libya "will not abandon you."

In a speech marking the 20th anniversary of his revolution, Khaddafi singled out Panama for support in its struggle with the United States and declared Israel's existence illegal.

The Libyan leader declared that his revolutionary ideas were spreading in the South Pacific and said he would back "freedom fighters" in Central America.

Khaddafi capped yesterday's festivities with a nighttime parade in Central Green Square. The colonel, dressed in olive fatigues, was mobbed by hundreds of admirers as he arrived on the square decorated with green Libyan flags.

The celebrations attracted at least 19 heads of state and Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat, who was seen chatting amiably with his old enemy President Hafez Assad of Syria.

The array of guests testified to Khaddafi's efforts to improve his relations with his North African neighbours. On the eve of the festivities, officials announced that Libya and Chad had signed an accord formally ending 16 years of war over the mineral-rich Aouzou border strip.

Surrounded by Arab and African leaders, Khaddafi gazed approvingly from a platform as units of Libyan and foreign soldiers marched by.

Khaddafi overthrew pro-Western King Idris on Sept 1, 1969, and established a form of radical socialism. His relations with the United States deteriorated, and Washington bombed Tripoli and Benghazi in April 1986 in retaliation for what it



A Libyan Air Force woman fighter pilot carries her flight gear at the former US Wheelers Air Force Base in Tripoli during celebrations Friday to mark the 20th anniversary of the 1969 revolution. (Reuters wire-photo)

called Khaddafi's support for terrorism.

The colonel vowed yesterday to continue to aid "freedom fighters" around the world.

Chad to free jailed Libyans

PARIS, Sept 2, (AP): The Chad government says it will free a group of Libyan prisoners as a goodwill gesture to mark the 20th anniversary of Col. Moammar Khaddafi's reign.

The statement from President Hissene Habre's office in N'Djamena, made public last night by the Chadian embassy in Paris, did not specify how many Libyans would be freed, or exactly when they would be sent home.

Chad is believed to hold about 2,000 Libyan soldiers captured during years of fighting in northern Chad.

The neighbouring countries signed an agreement Thursday in Algiers to settle their long disagreement over the Aouzou Strip, a 45,000-square mile (114-square-kilometre) band along their border. If a political settlement is not reached within a year, the issue is to be submitted to the International Court of Justice in the Hague for a ruling.

The pact calls for release of all prisoners of war held by both sides, but does not make clear when they are to be freed.

Chad's statement yesterday said the decision to let a group of prisoners go now was "a gesture of goodwill and fraternity from the Chadian government to the brotherly people of Libya."

Oman seeks Pakistani help

ISLAMABAD, Sept 2, (KUNA): Oman is keen to seek Pakistan's co-operation in a number of agricultural fields, Omani Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Sheikh Muhammad Bin Zaheer Al Hanai, said here today.

Talking to reporters at Islamabad airport on arrival on a 3-day visit to Pakistan at the head of a 7-man delegation he said that his country would also welcome Pakistani help in the irrigation and water sectors.

Al-Hanai said Oman was especially interested in seeking Pakistan's co-operation in forestry, fisheries, agricultural machinery and imparting of training to Omanis in Pakistan's agricultural education institutions.

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H.H. the Amir in Geneva

His Highness the Amir was given a reception in his honour at the Kuwait embassy in Geneva. Picture above show HH greeting a child in traditional Kuwaiti dress and Kuwaiti children living in Geneva.

Career women more crime prone

Female inmates on the increase

A report published by the Ministry of Justice indicates that the number of female inmates in Kuwait has increased by 82 per cent in the last five years. On the other hand, the report stated that Kuwaiti women have become involved in crimes due to social and economic changes in society. Statistics indicated that the number of crimes committed by females in Kuwait during 1987 totalled 41 crimes.

It added that 5 per cent of these crimes dealt with narcotics, 90 per cent for physical assault and five per cent for brewing and consumption of alcohol.

A local daily interviewed a number of officials to highlight their opinions on women in Kuwait and their relationship with crime.

Dr Fahad Al Naser, a social studies professor at Kuwait University stated that a general theory linked to the crime would indicate that the reasons women commit crimes are purely biological. Meanwhile, social theories prove that the motivation for committing crimes are purely mental and social.

Naser stated that there is a big difference between crimes committed by men and women particularly in the methods used in conducting criminal activity. He indicated that these differences are due to fundamental differences between both sexes be the organic, mental, psychological and social structures.

Naser added that women crimes are mostly related to killing, newborn babies and abortion. The percentage of theft crimes increase among women belonging to working groups like housemaids. He indicated that vandalism, murder, and deliberate arson are rarely committed by women in most Arab societies due to the social and psychological factors of women.

Naser said that crimes are detected higher among working women than housewives due to psychological and social stresses faced by working women when

they cannot manage their homes and work.

The rate of murder and theft crimes are witnessed at higher levels in cities than farm towns. The number of crimes committed by men and women is almost identical in cities due to the fact that women enjoy more freedom and equality with men. Crimes by women may increase during war periods due to the pressure faced by women in fulfilling life requirements, Naser said and added that strong family ties play an important role in cutting down the rate of crimes committed by women.

Changes

Assistant dean of the Islamic Studies and Sharia College at Kuwait University, Dr Ojail Al Nashmi stated that Kuwaiti society has never witnessed any crimes committed by women in the past and that the women's prison was relatively recently established.

He added that due to social and economic changes, in society the government was forced to establish a special prison for women convicts and was forced again to expand the prison due to the higher number of women inmates.

Nashmi indicated that women's deviation and crime are not a personal issue but, more of a pure educational and social matter mainly caused by social, behavioural, and psychological stresses forcing women towards crime.

He indicated that punishments imposed on convicts have more psychological impact on women than men. Therefore, women are less liable to commit crime due to their fear of punishment. Nashmi stated that in reality, the law is not strict enough with women. Man-made laws are not strict enough for

crimes of adultery and lack consideration of their effect on society. He said that most crimes are counted as misdemeanours with a maximum three years imprisonment or a small fine. The man-made law in Kuwait similar to other laws at other Arab societies considers adultery as a personal issue and forgets its social effects. The Kuwaiti man-made law does not consider adultery as a crime except in cases where it occurs by force or if the woman is a minor. Article (194) of the punishment law states that "each individual committing adultery with a 21-year-old woman (not permitted for a man to marry under Islamic rulings) 'Mahram' and with her consent is punished with a maximum of three years imprisonment and a minimum of six months imprisonment. The same punishment will be imposed on the woman if adultery is committed with her consent." Dr Nashmi expressed his personal point of view by saying that the man-made law in Kuwait is not strict enough towards this dangerous crime and that the law was designed for Western societies who do not believe in Islam.

Increase

Lawyer, Sara Al Doaji said that one of the important reasons that women commit crimes aside from financial reasons is for revenge.

Sara added that women are not generally the brains behind many crimes, but are mostly guided by others. She indicated that women commit crimes mainly due to social factors, jealousy, financial and mental stress. She added that Kuwaiti women are highly affected by the economic crisis the country experienced during the Manakhi crash which led to an increase in crimes committed by women.

Accusations of neglect baseless, says engineer

DIRECTOR of Road Maintenance Department at the Ministry of Public Works, Engineer Eid Al Khalidi stressed that accusing the ministry of neglecting some of the areas like Jahra, Shamiya, Kaifan and Faiba during the past two years has no basis. He added that postponement in paving roads and sidewalks is due to the fact that other ministries have not yet finished implementing their services. He indicated that it is not permissible to shut down roads for paving works prior to a five-year life period to preserve public money.

The current paving operation

will continue until most Kuwaiti areas are covered. The department is currently getting ready to conduct a comprehensive cleaning operation for the sewage network as a precautionary step to avoid overflow of sewage during the rainy season.

He indicated that peeling and damage of many guidance signs particularly at express roads does not exist in Kuwait only. Representatives from the manufacturing company were called and they will replace them at their personal expense using longer lasting materials, he said.

6,524 work permits issued in July

A TOTAL of 6,524 work permits were issued by the Labour Departments in the governorate of Kuwait City, Hawally, Ahmadi and Jahra in the month of July, according to an official source at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

The source said that a total of 11,172 work permits were renewed over the same period while 730 sponsorship transfers were processed, 1,156 work permits revoked and 348 exceptions were made on personal extenuating circumstances.

The official said that the ministry entertained 477 individual labour disputes, 161 special cases involving residency problems, 60 of which were settled cordially and 38 referred to courts of law.

The Labour Department of the capital carried out 1,673 inspection at labour sites, of which 792 violated the rules and 69 were referred to law courts.

The department also carried out inspection of 625 work sites with a total of 3,486 labourers, of which 306 were found in violation of safety regulations.

Grade system for family doctors approved

New batch of 15 accepted

HEAD of the Family Medicine College at Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialties, Dr Mansoor Sarkhoh stated that the institute has approved the basis of the grade system for family doctors and physicians working at the parallel training.

Interviewed by a local daily, Sarkhoh indicated that the Family Medicine College is getting ready to hold family medicine diploma examinations during the first half of next November. He pointed

out that twelve candidates of the third graduation batch at the Family Medicine College will appear for the examination.

Expansion

He added that the college seeks to add more renewal developments and expansion for its comprehensive training courses with the co-operation of the Royal British College. Such developments will also include the speciality programme, and the

parallel programme, Sarkhoh added.

The College of Family Medicine has accepted a new batch of 15 doctors for its specialised programme which will commence Jan 1990. The college has also transferred to the second stage of the third programme course. Sarkhoh said that a special assessment was made to the administration and the college will organise work at health centres attached to family medicine during the month of October. He

indicated that the college will also develop training programmes organised at hospitals for doctors joining the family medicine programme.

The college accepted 48 doctors at the parallel training programme making a total of 120 doctors since 1988. He said that the opportunity is open for doctors working in the private sector to join training programmes organised by the Family Medicine College.

NHA has distributed 4000 houses and plots

THE assistant director-general of the National Housing Authority Farid Al Ojail has said that the NHA has up till now distributed nearly 4,000 housing units, including plots, houses, and flats in various areas of the country.

He told a local daily that the NHA would over the few coming days distribute 1,125 houses in Fintas, 108 of which would be distributed on Sept 3, 226 of the Quraia project would be distributed on Sept 13 and 20, which would be followed by the distribution of the Sabah Al Salem project plots totalling 328.

Farid said that the Arab Housing Week occurring at the end of Sept till Oct 6 would coincide with the distribution of the last batch of the Rabiya project houses, involving 118 out of 490, as part of the celebrations marking the event, besides 114 plots representing the final batch of the Quraia project.

He added that during the occasion the second batch of the Sawabir project would be distributed counting 100 flats, while the third batch distribution would follow in two months time.

The proposed projects in Wafra and Khiran would be executed under the coming five-year plan 90-94, with a total construction duration of two years and these two areas contained tens of plots and houses, while the project proposed for Subiya would be delayed pending completion of pre-development studies, Farid said.

He stressed the need for plots and house owners to comply with approved building specifications and refrain from providing any type of maintenance services before obtaining the necessary go-ahead from the NHA.

He also said that the houses so far delivered were 400 sq.m. each and consequently needed no architectural adjustments, and that anybody wishing to make such adjustments would have to get the necessary permit from the Building Department at Kuwait Municipality via the NHA Maintenance Department personnel.

Preventive health check for entrants

THE director of the Public Health Department and head of the Ports and Border Check-points Division Dr Rashed Al Owaish has urged all entrants into the country to rush to the preventive health centre in their respective neighbourhoods within 24 hours of their arrival to undergo preventive medical check-ups.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that these measures were incumbent on all people coming

Disease control

into the country, whether residents or citizens. He made particular reference to cases involving diarrhoea and the need to fully comply with the ministry regulations against bringing food into the country.

The ministry has received a monthly report from the World Health Organisation (WHO) listing all places in the world infected with epidemics, such as cholera or plague.

On this basis, the ministry will legislate new regulations and dis-

tribute memos in this regard to the relevant authorities in charge of the country's exits.

He also said that the health card handed out to entrants at the country's different exits is intended to tighten control and prevention against the spread of disease carried out from abroad.

The health card system enabled the ministry to control 60 per cent of the total cases of cholera that have so far appeared in the country since 1985.

1,130 new teachers to join MOE

THE acting assisting under-secretary for general education and director of the Farwaniya Educational Area Ibrahim Abal Khail has said that the total number of teachers to join the teaching staff hired by the ministry as of the new academic year will total 1,130. Of these, 422 were Kuwaitis and 252 non-Kuwaitis hired on locally signed contracts while 285 were brought on external contracts, mainly from Egypt, Jordan and Tunisia.

He told a local daily that the projected total number of students for the new academic year was 385,000, while teachers numbered 28,000, of whom 12,282 were males and 15,870 females for all five educational areas.

Efforts

Ministry officials are exerting their best efforts to ensure that students were supplied with everything they needed so that the educational process would proceed smoothly. All required number of teachers were secured through the secondment system.

He pointed out that 32 new schools were constructed and ready in various areas in the country, while maintenance services were nearly completed in 66 others, with a plan to open a new courses-system in Kheitan, bringing the total number of such schools to 17.

The provision of schools with airconditioning facilities involved kindergartens and elementary schools for stage one. The newly-installed equipment will be operational with the start of the new academic year.

A number of principals and headmasters have been circulated within the different educational areas and within the same educational area. A few other cases involved loss of principals to resignation, personal circumstances and military conscription.

New admission policy at PAAET from 1990

Private sector criticised

THE deputy director general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Humoud Al Mudaf has said that the authority is no longer able to admit all students who hold the Secondary School Certificate or those who have been refused admission at Kuwait University. The number of students who apply to join the faculties or training courses of the authority is increasing since the university changed its admission policy and limited numbers of the admitted students. The authority's policy at the training sector is based on the compatibility between actual needs of local market for technicians and craftsmen and the capabilities of the training centres of the authority.

Mudaf revealed that the authority will use an integrated basis for its admission policy at faculties and training centres as from the academic year 90/91 which will be the first year of the new five-year-plan. He added that the policy will cope with the needs of the labour market, and desires of the students to the maximum level possible. He added that this trend is one of the methods to achieve a balance in population of Kuwait that is being carried out by the state.

Public jobs

The authority develops and modernises its curriculums and training programmes due to their connection with technological changes and changes at the labour market. The staff specialised in this work co-ordinate with authorities that have relation with employment of graduates in different majors. The co-operation between the authority and government sector extends to taking and employing graduates of the authority according to their majors. The graduates of the faculty of basic education are appointed as teachers in the Ministry of Education and graduates of the Faculty of Health Sciences opt for employment at the Ministry of Public Health.

The government sector can also take graduates of other faculties according to available vacancies. All graduates of the training centres will be appointed at the ministries and government establishments, he said.

Mudaf criticised the private sector for its limited role in supporting activities and graduates of the authority. He referred this stand to the fact that the private sector depends on expatriate manpower, specially cheap labour. The private sector only supports the authority in training students of the authority at some companies and factories. He added that Kuwait may need legislation that controls relations between authorities that produce manpower and places that employ them in order to ensure that Kuwaiti technicians and craftsmen will be employed in the government and private sector. These legislations will reduce pressure on the government sector, the official said.

The authority is implementing an ambitious plan for training during service annually and the training plan for 89/1990 will include a large number of new training programmes and courses for public servants. The authority plans to offer 49 training courses and programmes during this year compared to 46 training courses carried out during the last academic year 88/1989 in which 858 trainees working in government and private sectors participated. A total of 88 per cent were Kuwaiti nationals, he said.

Mudaf pointed out that the authority needs large numbers of academics, engineers and technicians to work in the different faculties, and training centres. He added that the Civil Service Council approved the payment scale of teaching and training staff of the authority. The scale offers sufficient allowances required to attract the teaching and training staff to remain in their work places. It will also make it easy for the authority to attract new teachers and technicians to work in the authority he said.

Zayed Park execution to begin shortly

THE director of the Parks and Afforestation Department at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Abdul Mohsen Al Qallaf has said that the UAE will as of this month start executing initial measure for the construction of Sheikh Zayed's Park, project whose site is located close to the Kuwait Entertainment City in Doha.

He told a local daily that the project construction cost would be fully borne by the UAE government, and a gift presented in the name of the UAE to the State of Kuwait. The total project site area is 1,500,000 square metres, consisting of two parts, one a public garden and the other an afforestation park planted with special species of trees and shrubs suitable for arid desert-like conditions, which would partially be provided from the UAE.

Qallaf said that a specialist delegation from the UAE has arrived in the country for this purpose to examine the site, designate for this project, deliver project-related drawings and discuss technicalities involved.

The Authority will execute during this month five new public gardens in Fintas, Riqqa, Hadiya, Sabahiya and Fahabeh within the framework of its construction plan of 23 new gardens located at different locations in the country.

He said that the construction of another 14 public gardens with a total construction cost of KD8,210,000 has already commenced in eight areas, including Mishref, Bayan, Salwa, Omariya, Farwaniya, Qurtoba, Surrah and Ardiya. Work on the remaining six gardens will begin during this month as contracts had been signed with local contractors to this effect.

The authority has of late invited a number of public tenders involving the construction of nine public gardens with a total construction cost of KD5 million. All the new gardens proposed for construction and completion before the end of this year were designed in a modern fashion, providing sports courts, recreational facilities, and other past time amenities.

There is no intention to charge admission fees to the gardens, the official said and added that these would be open to the public all hours.

He urged the visitors to the gardens to co-operate with the authority to keep the gardens clean and protected from any damage. If this is not adhered to the authority will reluctantly have to impose fees on the use of the different facilities offered by these gardens.

16,558 diabetics being treated in Farwaniya

THE director of Farwaniya Health Area, Dr Sulaiman Al Ali has revealed that there are 16,558 diabetics being treated at Farwaniya Health Area. The area set up a team to evenly distribute diabetic patients at different centres at the area. The area opened 18,671 files for diabetics but cancelled 2,113. Thus, the actual number of diabetics in 16,558. The area is divided into three sectors: first for Farwaniya, Rabiya, and Omariya where there are 6443 diabetics, second for Kheitan, airport and the surrounding area where there are 4932 patients the third sector for Jileeb Al Shiyukh, Firdous, Ardhiya and Sabah Al Nasser suburb where there are

5,183 patients he added.

Al Ali pointed out that the area was obliged to open five diabetic clinics at Farwaniya Health Centre to serve people in 'Farwaniya' and 'Kheitan' areas because of the shortage in the required buildings. These five clinics serve 11,375 patients. Another clinic was opened at Farwaniya Hospital to treat cases that suffer from complications of diabetes.

The future plan of the area seeks to offer continuous training for physicians working in health centres at the diabetic clinic of the hospital. Plans are also under way to open diabetes clinics in Kheitan and Jileeb Al Shiyukh areas.

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Australian sheep free of disease, says Enezi

Thorough checks before slaughter

AUSTRALIAN sheep imported recently by Kuwait are totally free of any serious disease, Deputy Director of the Slaughter Houses Department, Enezi stressed today. He said that the blue tongue disease can be easily detected by any lay man because of its clear symptoms and all the Australian sheep that arrived in Kuwait were found free of this disease.

Enezi stressed that the level of live

sheep slaughtering was not affected by the latest controversy over the shipments of Australian sheep and the reports that these sheep were affected by diseases like sheep pox, blue tongue and brucellosis. He added that the blue tongue is easily detected without laboratory tests.

"We in Kuwait were surprised by news reports that Australian live sheep were infected with blue tongue, particularly after some Gulf states re-

ported several consignments of these sheep," Enezi said. He added that the Animal Health Department carried out several comprehensive laboratory tests on the sheep before releasing them into the market after ensuring they were disease-free.

Enezi said that after that, the Agricultural Authority asked the slaughter houses to impose stricter checks on live sheep and immediately report any disease in the sheep. He said

the department has imposed very thorough checking measures and no sheep is slaughtered before a comprehensive examination. He stressed that the department has highly qualified veterinary doctors and inspectors who can detect diseases.

Enezi said that among the main symptoms of the blue tongue is high temperature, secretion from noses, swelling in the lips, bad smell from the animal's mouth and that the tongue

becomes purplish-blue in colour. He said that as a result, the animal stops eating and becomes very weak. On sheep pox, he said that it was an indigenous disease in Kuwait but has disappeared long ago. He added that brucellosis is an indigenous disease to Kuwait but can be prevented through inoculation. He said that owners of sheep have responded positively to vaccinating their sheep against this disease.

A veterinary doctor said that through checking is applied to all sheep before slaughtering. Dr Abdul Munim Al Shaimi said that after carefully examining the sheep from outside, suspect sheep are sent for further examinations and a committee begins investigations. If the disease found in any sheep is dangerous, it is simply thrown out. He assured that all slaughtered sheep that come out from the slaughter houses are 100 per cent

perfect, adding that not a single case of blue tongue has been discovered so far.

He also stressed that the level of slaughtering at the slaughter house did not go down because of the Australian sheep controversy. On the contrary, it increased after the return of people who spent their holidays outside Kuwait. He said that the medical examination on sheep at the slaughter house is done in several stages and sometimes even after slaughtering.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri cable

KUWAIT, Sept 2, (Kuna): HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the president of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on the occasion of his country's national day.

Premier's audiences

KUWAIT, Sept 2, (Kuna): HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today received in audience Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Khaled Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

HH also received Minister of Higher Education and Acting Minister of Health and Acting Minister of Planning Ali Al Shamlan, Minister of Electricity and Water and Acting Education Minister Hmoud Al Rqobah and State Minister for Services and Acting Minister of Communication Essa Al Mazedi.

HH Sheikh Saad also received State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed, Minister of Trade and Industry and Acting Minister of Finance and Acting Oil Minister Faisal Al Khaled, Director-General and Board Chairman of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij.

He also received member of the Higher Council for Housing Khaled Al Essa Al Saleh and Kuwait's ambassador to Sudan Abdulla Al Seray.

Sabah meets

KUWAIT, Sept 2, (Kuna): Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed today received Ministers of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Khaled Al Ahmed, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed and Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Al Shamlan.

Sheikh Sabah also received Governor of Central Bank of Kuwait Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah, Director-General of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij and Kuwait's Ambassador to Somalia Sulaiman Al Murjan.

Salem returns

KUWAIT, Sept 2, (Kuna): Kuwait Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah today returned home ending a visit to Libya during which he represented HH the Amir to Libya's celebrations of the September 1st revolution.

Sheikh Salem was received at Kuwait International Airport by Interior Undersecretary Brigadier Youssef Al Khorafi as well as senior interior officials.

He stated upon departure from Libya that he was very happy to participate in such an event, wishing the Libyan people, under leadership of Col. Moammar Khaddafi, success and prosperity.

Romanian meet

KUWAIT, Sept 2, (Kuna): Communication Assistant Undersecretary for Transportation Affairs Saqr Al Soudan left here today for Bucharest to attend five-day meetings of the Kuwaiti-Romanian joint committee.

The accompanying delegation includes Director of Land Transportation Mubarak Al Khaled, Foreign Relations Office Director Numair Al Naqib, Director of Legal Affairs Hind Al Masoud and Head of Research and Studies at the Land Transportation Department Fahd Al Oteibi.

Cruise boats

KUWAIT, Sept 2, (Kuna): The cruise boat service offered by the Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC) was of remarkable appeal to the public though the vessels began to operate during the scorching heat of the Kuwait summer, a senior KPTC official said today.

Since the service was introduced last July 4, at least 18,000 people took the pleasure ride along the seafloor, said KPTC Assistant Managing Director Badr Abdul Wahab Al Najjar in a statement.

He expected heavier demand on the cruise boats with the change of weather in the coming few months.

Najjar said KPTC is ready to operate special touristic routes for institutions or groups upon request.

Kapilku celebrates Children's Day

Little ones felicitated

RIGHT after the grand success of the just concluded Little Mister and Miss Philippines — Kuwait of 1989, the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) treated the children to their special day on Friday, at the Philippine embassy premises. Participants and non-participants of the contest were there to join the first ever in the history of the associations' Araw Ng Mga Bata (Children's Day) with their parents who were delighted to see their antics and talents shown during their special numbers. AVP for Welfare and Special Projects Jojo Medrano was the chairman of Araw Ng Mga Bata, a project to be remembered.

The children were first given the "Trip to Manila," a parlor game which was won by Little Cute Michelle Acosta. Michelle received her 1.1 grams of gold from Chairperson Rosale Austria. Sweet Shielah, Michelle Santos went on to win her gold prize by handing over the shoes of her mom. Not to be outdone was Superwoman Tonton Dagdag who won the prize by presenting his twenty peso bills to the joy of the guests.

Lovable Dierde Macken's efforts got her the prize for winning the passing the ball contest against her 10 rivals.

Pabtin

The traditional contest for children, Pabtin (where all the toys are put in a rectangular box and is hung on a string) got an excellent response from the children as they jumped high for the toys of the contest.

Little Miss Philippines Pamela Rojo showed her Madonna dance number while Rudgie Maghrang, Little Miss Luzon declaimed which won her the Miss Talent Award. Jolly Jessica Unico showed her prowess by singing and dancing her favourite Madonna numbers. Little Miss Visaya Maria Lourdes Insarto gave her declamation "Vengeance is not ours" while Little Mister Luzon Tonton Dagdag wore a superman costume and enacted a comedy skit. All their special talents were appreciated by the spectators.

Manny Insarto, Kapilku president made the opening remarks by thanking all parents, Kapilku officials and especially the children who came in spite of the warm weather to celebrate the Little Miss and Mister Philippines — Kuwait for 1989 together and the Araw Ng Mga Bata.

AVP for Media and External Affairs Lulu Alejo and Vice-Chairman Jun Mercado were the master of ceremonies who made sure the occasion went smoothly.

Food and beverages were donated by Mr and Mrs Acosta, Mr and Mrs Rojo, Jun Mercado, VP Sarah Macarimbang, Rosale Austria and Manny Insarto.

Trophies were also presented to all participants in the Little Mister and Miss Philippines — Kuwait contest.



Winners of the Miss Philippines — Kuwait were presented their trophies during Kapilku's Children's Day celebrations.



Winners of the Little Mister Philippines seen with their trophies.



Jessica Unico (left) performing a Madonna number and Michelle Acosta receiving her gold from Chairperson Rosale Austria and Jun Mercado, Vice-Chairman of Araw Ng Mga Bata.

Low bids not main factor

Encouraging national industries

CHAIRMAN of Kuwait's Central Tenders Committee (CTC) Sheikh Ali Al Jassar was quoted as saying that the CTC is striving to reactivate the national economy.

In an interview with a local daily, Jassar said that the CTC in this connection is committed to the Cabinet decision that called for encouraging national industries. He clarified that according to the decision successful bidders are obliged to purchase the required items pertaining to the relevant tenders from the local markets. The implementation of the said decision is the responsibility of the authority that issued the relevant tender and violators will be subjected to penalties stipulated in the pertinent laws.

Speaking of foreign firms pre-qualification to enable to participate in local tenders, the official said that the participation of foreign firms should be done through local agents who will not be responsible for any default committed by foreign firms.

Price

Replying to a question, the official said that low price is not the main factor for awarding the tender. The relevant law provides that the tender will be awarded to the bidder who submitted the lowest prices provided that his bid is in keeping with the relevant tender specifications and conditions. However, the CTC refers the relevant bids to the authority

who published to tender for its perusal and scrutiny, the CTC chairman said.

Replying to a question on penalties to be imposed on violating bidders, the official said that the application of the necessary penalties is the responsibility of the government authority that issued the tender rather than the CTC. The CTC should be informed of any violations that may be committed by the bidder or any penalty to be applied to prevent the pertinent bidder from participating in any government tender.

Meanwhile, the official has denied that the CTC suffer from any red tape clarifying that the CTC float relevant tenders immediately upon the request of the government authorities and without any delay. But some big tenders which contain more than three hundred items needs at least two days for studying, the official said. He added, that if there is any delay this can be attributed to the pertinent government authority itself which sometimes takes a longer time to study submitted proposals.

On the other hand, Sheikh Ali criticised local banks and oil companies who send their correspondence to the CTC in English, referring that the committee had informed these institutions several times to send their correspondence in Arabic but in vain.

The official said that the CTC encourages

the GCC to accord priority to local industries, adding that the GCC leaders recommendation had called for the enhancing of co-operation among the member states in this field.

He denied that the authority's policy which had been adopted by the government had affected the project movement of the country. Sheikh Ali strongly denied that the awarding process was done with favouritism as its basis. He clarified that this process is based on specific criteria that serve public interest.

On the other hand, the chairman said that, CTC activities have not been affected by the slump situation that prevailed in the country during the last few years and that the CTC was studying 20-30 tenders every session.

Over the complaints filed by local firms against Korean and Philippine firms, the official said for the time being there are no problems and only local companies are allowed to participate in the local projects tendering, unless the tender contains some specific technical specifications which the local contractors cannot carry out. He cited the example of the Al Subbiyah project which had been awarded to a foreign firm. However, the CTC had put a condition that a local contractor should participate in the execution stage together with the foreign firm in order to enable the local firm to get necessary expertise.

'Maid chasing' — a new youth hobby

Social way to get acquainted

DESPITE the fact that most people presently are talking about the disadvantages of maids like the adverse effects these maids have on their children, the number of housemaids is steadily increasing in Kuwait.

A large number of cases have been reported against housemaids like physical assault of children, illegal sexual involvement with men, thefts, absconding and abortions.

Many residents and citizens demanded that housemaid visas should be curtailed and commented that the next generation will witness great changes in traditions and habits due to this phenomenon.

This report was filed by a local daily who investigated the problems of maids and further undertook an opinion poll of youths who often have close relationships with domestics.

The poll revealed that on numerous occasions youth were accused of chasing housemaids

and waiting for long hours to strike up a conversation with them at the church or at bus stations during their weekly holidays — which fall generally on Fridays or Sundays. The search for a friendly relationship with housemaids is not restricted to any particular nationality, the poll indicated.

The daily said that some of these youths spend their time looking for a house maid who may accept going with them for a ride in their car, to the beach, or to socialise at other places of entertainment. The phenomenon is well spread among youth, the daily said.

Social

To ascertain its ramifications, the local daily could not elicit any response from a section of youths interviewed, others confessed that they endeavour to chat with maids as a social way of getting acquainted with females.

One of the youths, identified as Khaled said that he is a student in the secondary stage and that he

feels that he has a lot of leisure time. He added that summer clubs, youth centres and other places of entertainment do not satisfy his interests. Therefore, he said that chasing girls and housemaids gave him a sense of thrill. He said that as maids go to the market or to the church and generally speaking have no parents, or husbands it makes it easier for him to form a relationship with them. He added that he generally looks for someone beautiful, but confessed that most housemaids lack beauty.

Another student, Ahmad said he feels bored, particularly during summer holidays, therefore, he tries to get rid of this boredom by chasing housemaids. He added that for personal reasons, he cannot travel abroad and that he feels sad when he sees his friends travelling while he has to stay in Kuwait. He commented that because he spends his summer holidays here, he is willing to have fun whenever and wherever he can find it.

From the courts

Petition denied

THE Administrative Bench of the Court of First Instance turned down a petition filed against the Undersecretary of the Education Ministry from a driver working for the ministry. The man said that while he was driving the ministry vehicle during official working hours when he hit a boy who died.

He added that the Ministry of Education paid the KD10,000 blood money to the boy's family and started deducting KD80 monthly from his salary to reclaim the money it paid. The driver added that as he was working for the ministry and the accident occurred during the official working hours, the ministry is thus responsible and should pay the amount. But the court said that as the cause of death was a personal mistake of the driver, he must be responsible for it and thus the ministry is fully within its rights to reclaim the money through deducting his salary.

Illegal sex

TWO defendants, a man and a woman convicted by Kuwait's Court of First Instance were sentenced to five years and two years in jail respectively to be followed by deportation for illegal sexual activity.

The court was told that the woman who was working as a maid was pregnant which resulted from her having sexual intercourse with the accused who was a worker at the residence of her employer. Both the accused are married and their respective spouses are in their home countries, the daily said.

5 years for sex assault

THE Criminal Court sentenced a man to five years imprisonment to be followed by deportation from the country for forcibly trying to sexually assault a girl, running away from the police and also for reckless driving. The court was told that the accused

knew the girl and was his friend. One day she asked him to take her to the market. On the way back from the market, he parked the car near Al Sabah Hospital and embraced the girl and started kissing her against her wish. A police patrol arrived at the scene, but the accused quickly drove away. He did not heed the police warning and succeeded in returning the girl back to her home. He continued his escape, driving on the wrong side of the road in a very reckless manner until his car tyre got punctured. The accused confessed to the court and pleaded guilty.

10 years for illicit sex

THE Criminal court sentenced a man to 10 years imprisonment with labour and deportation for having an illicit relation with his married sister-in-law (his wife's sister). The court also sentenced the sister-in-law to a suspended five years sentence against a fine of KD200. The court was told that the husband of the accused woman suspected some wrongdoing in his wife's behaviour. One day he returned home but his wife took a long time opening the door. He searched the apartment and but found no one with her, although he saw the car of the accused parked nearby. His wife then asked him to go and buy vegetables. He went down and when he looked at his apartment he was astonished to see the accused standing in the balcony. When the accused saw him, he jumped and was seriously injured.

Smuggler apprehended

A CITIZEN who successfully passed through three Arabic customs checkpoints was not so lucky in "hoodwinking" alert customs officials: at Al Salmi border who apprehended him for carrying a quantity of hashish, one pistol and a number of bullets. The contraband and the accused have been referred to investigative authorities, a local daily said.

Municipality policies to be reviewed

THE acting head of Architectural Design Department at Kuwait Municipality Abdulwahab Al Abdulrazzak was quoted as saying that the current policies and programmes of the institutions contributing to the development process will be reviewed in order to define the suitability of these policies for present and future requirements.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the institutions such as housing, education, health care, social care, entertainment, roads, electricity, water, telecommunications and drainage will be subject to review.

The relevant review will include a flexible analysis for growth rates of the different economic sectors particularly in the non-oil industries field and the other light industries. He added that the manner governing the distribution of land will be reviewed and a special concern will be given to the handling of the traffic congestion problem.

Future forecasts concerning the population and manpower needs will be used for assessing future needs of land.

Meanwhile, Abdulrazzak has disclosed that the Municipality will review the public structural layout of the country in detail.

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SOAP and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run. — Mark Twain, US writer (1835-1910)

Violence in South Africa

Blessing in disguise

ORGANISERS of a mass defiance campaign against apartheid laws in South Africa are trying to embarrass the government at election time, but their protests provide ammunition for the ruling party's campaign. Anti-apartheid activists say that violence is so useful to the government in a political campaign that the police not only provoke it, but sometimes carry out the violent acts themselves and blame others. Police emphatically deny the allegations.

The National Party and state-run television and radio use the civil disobedience, sporadic bombings and clashes between police and activists to convince voters that any change in government would bring chaos and revolution.

"The campaign of radical activists is directed most immediately at disrupting the democratic process of choosing a national government," said Radio South Africa in an editorial.

Leaders of the Mass Democratic Movement, a loose coalition of anti-government groups, said the campaign was intended to be peaceful.

But black youths who survived the township battles of 1984-86 do not have a Gandhi-type tradition of sitting passively when police confront them. Youths have hurled stones and fire-bombs at passing cars near Cape Town, police have used tear-gas, whips and rubber bullets to break up protests.

"The National Party has been wanting to give a display of force before the elections and to create a fear psychosis among voters," said Tiaan van der Merwe, law and order spokesman for the anti-apartheid Democratic Party. "The Mass Democratic Movement gave them the opportunity."

The government's use of the violence issue is most effective against the Democratic Party. Its candidates sympathise with black protest against an election from which they are excluded, but find it necessary to condemn the resulting unrest so as not to appear soft on security.

Mass Democratic Movement leaders say police cause some of the violence, through provocation, infiltration, and connivance with right-wing vigilante activity.

"We've learned not to put it past the government or at least the police... that their conduct could instigate violence and their propaganda, the South African Broadcasting Corp. could project it as a violent campaign of the Mass Democratic Movement," said Murphy Morobe, a leader of the defiance campaign.

"It is the police who have been creating 'unrest.' Whenever they keep away from an event, it goes off peacefully," said Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu. "Whenever they arrive with their quirts, tear-gas and firearms and try to prevent people from peacefully expressing their dissent, they precipitate confrontation and violence."

Police often ban rallies hours or minutes before they are scheduled to begin. People who show up, unaware of the bans, thus break the law.

A more serious charge against the police arises from the suspicious nature of bombs which go off late at night, cause no injury and little damage.

Of some dozen limpet mines which police say have exploded since July 23, two caused deaths, killing three people whom the police identified as the bombers.

"Many wish to believe they were martyrs sacrificing their lives," said Beyers Naude, a prominent white anti-apartheid activist. "But others believe it was deliberate on the part of the government to create the impression of violence being perpetrated by the Mass Democratic Movement."

"It is a general belief held by hundreds of thousands of people," that police set bombs and co-operate with rightwing vigilantes in attacks on anti-apartheid activists, said Naude. "There are many indications that this kind of thing can only emanate from the security forces. You can only do it if you have the necessary information — addresses, movements of people, programmes and projects."

Leon Mellet, spokesman for the Law and Order Ministry, said it was "absolutely, totally ridiculous" to suggest police would set bombs. It's a deliberate perception which is being propagated. They must substantiate it with some kind of fact.

"No one can prove it, but millions of people believe it," said Naude. "The impression is there's an extensive machinery set in motion by people closely connected to members of the security forces from whom they get information and possible guidance."

Morobe said inferences can be drawn from the string of unsolved murders of anti-apartheid activists, the unsolved bombings of offices of anti-government organisations, and the unlikelyhood of so many limpet mines going off accidentally in the hands of what the government calls "trained terrorists."

Vlok announced in late July that the police had discovered information about a mass defiance campaign, although it already had been outlined at a news conference. He said the African National Congress had "hatched plans to plunge the country into violence on an extended scale."

Mass Democratic Movement leaders insisted their protests were to be peaceful, but laws would be broken, such as those that segregate hospitals, beaches and buses. Vlok's statements were broadcast on radio and television. The Mass Democratic Movement's responses were not.

Later that week the first bombs of the election period exploded. "We believe it is no coincidence that just two days after Vlok's warnings we have had six bombings," said a Mass Democratic Movement spokesman who did not want to be identified for fear of retaliation.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1497 — Manuel, king of Spain, marries Isabella of Spain.
- 1603 — France's King Henry IV permits Roman Catholic Jesuits to return to France despite opposition.
- 1758 — Revolution in Portugal, led by Marquis of Tavora and his wife, who wound King Joseph but subsequently are arrested.
- 1759 — Expulsion of Roman Catholic Jesuits begins in Portugal.
- 1783 — Britain, France, Spain and United States sign Peace of Versailles, officially ending Revolutionary War.
- 1791 — French constitution is passed by national assembly, marking France a constitutional monarchy.
- 1879 — Afghanistan troops massacre British legation at Kabul.
- 1904 — Japan defeats Russian forces at Liaoyang in China.
- 1913 — City of Nanking falls to Chinese revolutionary forces under Yuan Shih-Kai.
- 1939 — Britain and France declare war on Germany; Winston Churchill becomes first Lord of Admiralty in Britain; Germans sink "Athenia" off Ireland.
- 1943 — Allied forces invade Italy in World War II.
- 1945 — Singapore is returned to British control after being occupied by Japanese since 1942.
- 1962 — Katanga government accepts UN Secretary-General U Thant's plan for Congolese reunification.
- 1973 — Cholera outbreak in Italy spreads.
- 1976 — US Viking II spacecraft lands on Mars.
- 1986 — South Africa's government reimposes order prohibiting journalists from reporting actions of security forces.
- 1987 — Largest Muslim rebel group in Philippines declares support for military mutineers.



A family of newly-arrived immigrants at West Germany's main transit camp for East German refugees wait to be registered and integrated into the capitalist world. (Reuter wirephoto)

Sense of nationalism threatens on 50th anniversary

Europe lives with WW II legacy

ON THE 50th anniversary of the start of World War II, Europe still lives with a legacy of nationalist dissent, racism, refugees, military confrontation and other problems that make headline news every day.

The religious, ideological and political divides fuelled by a strong sense of nationalism are ever threatening in Europe.

In Hungary, an estimated 20,000 East Germans are refusing to go home from "vacation." West Germany has asked its now neutral neighbour Austria to prepare railroad cars for a mass transfer through its territory in the next few days.

The exodus, which began when Hungary started dismantling its border fences in May, stems from the division of Adolf Hitler's defeated Germany between East and West, affected by the Allied powers to prevent it ever becoming a renegade power again.

Elsewhere the Soviets, in a secret pact with Nazi Germany they are only now beginning to acknowledge, annexed the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. The three former countries lie just 100 miles (160 km) north of Gdansk on Poland's Baltic coast, where the Germans fired the first shots of the war 50 years ago.

Today those three states, their eyes turned to Poland where a non-communist prime minister has come to power for the first time in four decades, are clamouring for independence in one of the most sustained and mushrooming campaigns of nationalist defiance in the Soviet Union since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in March 1985.

But one of the most painful legacies of the war is

the dispute this week between Catholics and Jews over a Carmelite convent at the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp in southern Poland. There the Nazis systematically executed four million people — 2.5 million of them Jews — under conditions so nightmarish that they gave a grim new meaning to the term genocide.

Poland, the country most ravaged by the Germans in the war, remains dotted with scores of sobering historic sites such as Auschwitz. Yet lingering bitterness over Auschwitz has led to Jews to boycott of a "World Day of Peace" marking the 50th anniversary of the German invasion.

They feel the presence of 14 nuns in a building just outside the camp once used to store canisters of poison gas is inappropriate for a place of Jewish sacrifice. Poland once was home to more than three million Jews, many died in the concentration camps or converged on Israel after the war.

The Roman Catholic Church agreed with international Jewish groups to relocate the convent earlier this year, but last week, Cardinal Josef Glemp of Poland declared the nuns had the right to pray there. He was accused of making a remark tantamount to anti-semitism for saying that Jews control the world's press.

"Everybody should have the right to pray in this place," said Lech Walesa, leader of the Solidarity labour union which was born in Gdansk nearly a decade ago. "It is a shame that the conflict is on a spot of contemplation and eternal silence. We should do everything so that it will not be repeated."

Prof. Jacob Neusner, a participant at the conference said, "we have shown the world that religion can make war. Now can we show the world that religion can make peace?"

The war in Europe shaped a political map in which the borders have remained fixed for 50 years, where the structures and forces of the Warsaw Pact and the NATO alliance, armed with nuclear weapons, stand intricately and delicately opposed like two people with guns aimed permanently at each others' temples.

NATO officials call it the "European theatre." And there, despite political changes behind the Warsaw Pact border inspired by Gorbachev's policies of glasnost or openness, Western intelligence officials say spying continues unabated.

Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov, clearly implying that the Soviet Union which lost some 20 million people during the war will never allow Germany to be reunited, said last May that the borders in Europe will remain unchanged "from the Baltics in the west to the Urals in the east."

The United States and Western Europe have been told not to take advantage of the situation in Poland and the Soviet Union's volatile republics.

Now, as Poland makes its momentous move away from communism, the spotlight in East-West relations is shifting to East Germany where the hardline communist leader Erich Honecker is seriously ill. If East Germany's borders open after his death, the flood of refugees is bound to be greater than the tens of thousands of Bulgarians who fled to Turkey in recent weeks. (UPI)

Paper cannot conceal fire

XIAO WANG, an engineering student at Qinghua University, saw his best friend shot and killed June 3 as they held hands, vainly trying to stop soldiers from moving into Beijing to crush pro-democracy protesters.

Just three months later, back at the university for the new semester, he has found campus life outwardly back to normal. But while the political ferment of spring's student protests is gone, the calm is deceptive.

"Chinese people know how to mask their feelings," said Xiao Wang, 20. "Everyone goes about their business, pretending nothing happened. But beneath the surface there is tension. The old Chinese saying is true: paper cannot conceal fire."

To the casual stroller, Beijing's tree-lined campuses do appear normal. Young people chat on the steps of ivy-covered buildings. Students play soccer, swim, badminton, and practice the graceful motions of martial arts. At night, library study rooms are full and young couples occupy wooden benches around campus.

But a closer look reveals important changes. Pro-democracy slogans and "big-character posters" that covered classroom buildings have been replaced by bright red banners declaring: "Higher education must adhere to the socialist road."

Instead of student radio broadcasts there are official loudspeaker announcements: "The counter-revolutionary rebellion in Beijing was plotted by a handful of conspirators. Their aim was to replace socialism and create a capitalist state. Many students were led astray and must work hard to correct their thinking."

"They say we were manipulated into taking to the streets," scoffed a People's University student. "Young people in China don't need anyone to tell them this system is corrupt. You will see people on the streets again within a year. We have nothing to lose."

Such bold predictions appear to have frightened China's leadership as the country's 2 million college students begin the new year, bare months after protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square spread nationwide and brought the June crackdown.

Authorities are tightening their grip on campuses through increased political indoctrination, military training and, where deemed necessary, relocating students to less sophisticated rural areas.

Registration, usually a few days after students return, was delayed until students complete two weeks of intensive daily political study. They must also show an "acceptable attitude."

"My students are scared to death," said a professor at the University of Politics and Law. "They have been told to inform on their teachers and each other. Most kids just play along and don't volunteer any information. But a few have come to me and asked what day it was I told them to go to Tiananmen Square."

"I told them I don't remember," he said, laughing uncomfortably.

Beijing University, whose moderate president was recently replaced by a conservative, will not open until mid-October. An administrator in the president's office acknowledged the delay was because the school was the centre of the protest.



Students urge troops outside the Great Hall of the People to sit down as a gesture of non-violence in June. (Reuter wirephoto)

"The leadership's thinking is that if one institute is made an example of, the rest will fall in line," the official said.

Enrollment of first-year students at Beijing University has been reduced from 2,000 to 800. And the freshman class will be required to complete a year of military and ideological training under Army supervision before beginning regular studies.

Nationwide, the government has announced that 35,000 graduate students will have to work for one or two years before continuing their studies. And a report circulating widely has frightened young college-educated people. It is document No. 5, issued by the State Education Commission and the Ministry of Personnel, which states many young people who graduated after 1985 will have to work for two years in a "grassroots organisation" outside a major city.

In a throwback to the 1960s Cultural Revolution, when millions of youths were sent to work on farms, the policy says household registrations will follow those sent to rural areas. Only if they show a "correct political attitude" can they return.

The official press has reported several organisations already implementing the policy, including the Ministry of Culture. Enterprises like the Huayuan Corp., run by Chen Yuan, the son of conservative leadership ideologue Chen Yun, are individually enforcing the order.

Yet the leadership has not addressed the root problems that caused the students to take to the streets: a general perception of governmental corruption, pitiful living and study conditions in universities and poor work treatment of intel-

lectuals.

These measures are just buying time for the old leaders," said Zhao Wei, 23, a Beijing University student who has been affected by the policy of graduates. "I'm looking forward to going to the countryside and telling people what happened in Beijing. Eventually the truth will come out. We are young and time is on our side."

In breaking up the more recent protests, the communist government sent the Army into central Beijing, and on June 3-4 soldiers opened fire on thousands of people. The government has said that only about 200 people were killed, but witnesses and Western intelligence estimates have put the number as high as 2,000-3,000 dead.

Police and the courts have refused to comment on the status of students, intellectuals and workers arrested in the recent crackdown on dissent: Beijing prison No. 1, vice-warden Song Wenpo said he believes most are still in police detention cells being investigated.

Chinese sources say some, including a few prominent intellectuals, are held in a prison that officially doesn't exist. Qincheng prison in Beijing's western suburbs. Others, such as ousted Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang, are said to be under house arrest.

There is no limit on the practice on detaining suspects while they await trial. And many of the protesters may never be tried, says Pan Shizhao, director of the Beijing Bar Association's Research Department. (Beijing — Agencies)

Chad-Libya peace accord

Problems still remain

CHAD and Libya have agreed to end their 15-year-old border conflict but it is now up to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to make the accord work.

"Signing an agreement does not mean that all the problems are solved," Chadian Foreign Minister Acheikh Ibn Omar told reporters on his return to the capital of N'Djamena.

Acheikh, who signed the peace pact in Algeria with Libya's Foreign Minister Jadhalla Azouzi Al-Talhi, said the OAU ad hoc committee on the conflict would be responsible for finishing the task.

He gave no details on the agreement, which proposes settling the dispute over the Aouzou Strip by international arbitration unless a political solution is found within a year.

Chad and Libya have been fighting for 15 years over the Aouzou Strip, which covers 114,000 square km (45,000 square miles) in the heart of the Sahara desert.

Libya annexed the territory, supposedly rich in minerals, in 1973. It bases its claim to Aouzou on a treaty that was drafted in 1935 but was never ratified by the then colonial powers, France and Italy.

"A political solution to the Aouzou question still seems a long way off but everyone involved would like it to be settled in Africa by Africans, preferably the OAU," one West African diplomat said.

Acheikh said details on application of the Algeria accord would be worked out at a technical level. "It creates a framework for a peaceful means of resolving the conflict."

"We think that Libya has been rather reticent until now," he said. "This commitment after so much hesitation by our Libyan brothers is in itself a sign that there is a political will."

The minister praised the role played by the OAU and other African countries in the accord. Diplomats said Algeria had been working on the plan since Chad's President Hissene Habre visited the capital Algiers in March.

Habre met Libyan leader Muammar Khadafi last month for the first time in Mali at a two-day summit which was also attended by Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid and three other African heads of state.

That meeting was supposed to be the culmination of mediation efforts but it broke up without an accord being signed.

Since a ceasefire was declared in September 1987, the two countries have restored diplomatic ties and made a number of peace overtures.

To reach the Algiers accord, Libya appears to have dropped a demand for the withdrawal of French troops and combat planes from Chad.

France sent aircraft and troops into Chad in 1983 when Libyan troops crossed into Chadian territory. The 1,500-strong operation Sparrowhawk forced Libya to pull out in 1987 to push Libyan troops back into the Aouzou Strip in fighting in which thousands of people were killed.

Chad in return seems to have agreed that Libyan troops stay in Aouzou for the time being. A diplomatic source said the two sides gave each other one year to solve the conflict before turning to the International Court of Justice at the Hague.

The pact calls for Aouzou to become a demilitarised zone if the dispute goes to international arbitration. It also proposes an exchange of prisoners of war between the two countries and an end to media attacks on each other, the diplomatic source said. (N'Djamena — Reuter)

Quote me

"Consistency is the first thing that comes to mind. I have never been ranked below (No. 4) since I've been 17 years old. I've never had slumps. I've always stayed in the top four in the world. To me that is the biggest accomplishment." — Chris Evert, summing up her tennis legacy after beating Patricia Tarabini.

"It was fun to be here playing (music) when Jimmy (Connors) was playing. Connors was always my favourite, back in Alabama, and especially after he's gotten older. In between, McEnroe came along and the thing I liked about him was the whole bad boy going against the grain, raising hell." — Tommie Joe White, singer-guitarist of Tommie Joe White Band on America's Grand Slam tournament.

"The myth about going up and down three times is incorrect. Another myth about persons drowning is that in their panic they attempt to strangle you. If you support them in the water with their head up they float down." — Frank Pia, a water safety consultant and former lifeguard documenting how and why people drown.

"They haven't seen the best of Boris Becker here yet." — Becker commenting on the fact that he has yet to reach the final of the Open.

"No profit has come from the pathetic postincident attempts to place the blame on the victims. View it as you will, Iran Air Flight 655 was shot down for no good reason." — Cmdr David Carlson on the shooting down of an Iranian Airbus by the USS Vincennes.

"I'm going to leave everything for my daughters I will leave everything." — Diego Maradona about quitting soccer if his dispute with Napoli is not resolved.

"Things have gone far. Serious danger is threatening the Baltic peoples. People should know what abysses nationalist leaders are pushing them towards." — Soviet central committee said.

"It's a city car. The idea is, it'll be sprightly and clean and easy. There is no gas and no fuel charge and no oil changes. You'll never have to get a brake job — there won't be a muffler either — the only service you'll need, except the tires, is watering the battery every year or so." — James Worden said about his solar car.

"It was not too difficult to keep control of our battle, but I must say that I would not have wanted to do it for many more laps." — Nigel Mansell said after he won third place in Belgian Grand Prix.

"It's a strange satellite, it's in the wrong orbit, it's going backwards around Neptune, and something truly catastrophic must have happened at some time in the past." — University of Arizona astronomer Bradford Smith on the Neptune's moon, Triton.

"The conquerors who believed that they made themselves divine on this planet... Alexander the Macedonian, Hitler, Mussolini and (former US president) Ronald Reagan, are in the dustbin of history." — Moammar Khadafi speaking on the 20th anniversary of his revolution.

Lower class Brits bring fame to Gilbert

British filmmakers have finally discovered that working class are people



Gilbert directed some of the James Bond films which made Roger Moore famous.

HOLLYWOOD (UPI): No maker of English films has a surer touch with his working class countrymen than Lindsay Gilbert, director of "Alfie" and "Educating Rita".

The silver-haired Gilbert has now given us "Shirley Valentine," a genuine sweetheart of a movie detailing the transformation of a bored middle-aged housewife into an adventurer.

Gilbert has the manners and the demeanor of an aristocrat, although one suspects he has a touch of the streets, accounting for his acute and unflinching eye when it comes to the likes of Alfie, Rita and Shirley.

All three are commoners by birth but noble of spirit. And Shirley may be the most admirable of the lot.

Played by actress Pauline Collins, who won a Tony award last year for her stage performance in the Broadway presentation of "Shirley Valentine," the character leaps endearingly to life on screen.

While Gilbert has directed three James Bond films and other top movies, none are better than his compelling stories of lower class Brits, especially for American audiences.

He first saw "Shirley Valentine" on stage in Liverpool with a local actress. He immediately bought film rights to the one-woman show, which he fleshed out with a rich array of characters for the film.

A key element to converting "Shirley Valentine" to the screen was the casting of Collins. She was absolutely unknown to Paramount Studios.

"They liked the script, but the play hadn't opened in London yet," Gilbert said on a recent

trip to Hollywood. "They were stunned when I asked for Pauline to play the lead. I suggested they fly to London for her debut."

The three top men at Paramount came over, saw her performance and said, "Take her. She's fantastic." I was delighted.

Gilbert's most surprising casting was Tom Conti as a lustful Greek restaurateur.

After Pauline's opening night in London 18 months ago, Tom came backstage and said he wanted to play the Greek in the film," Gilbert said.

"I thought not because he's such an Englishman, but when Paramount agreed to finance the film, they gave me a list of actors for the Greek and, amazingly, Tom's name was on it."

Originally, Gilbert bought "Shirley Valentine" with little hope for its success on stage. He was primarily interested in the movie version.

"But one of the great moments of my life was when we opened in London and Pauline won the Laurence Olivier award for best actress," he said.

Then she played Broadway to standing ovations and won the Tony.

"It was amazing that while Pauline was alone on stage, she talked about the other characters with such conviction you kind of saw those people. Her rapport with the audience was so effective we had her look right into the camera lens and speak directly to the film audience."

According to Gilbert, men as well as women relate to Shirley. "All of us sympathize with her feelings and her regrets for living such a little life with so much boredom," he said.

Gilbert went on to say that prior to the 1960s,

England's filmmakers produced only movies about the upper classes. Such pictures as "Alfie," "Educating Rita" and "Shirley Valentine" could never have been made.

"In America there was a tradition of making films about the lower classes — coal miners, cowboys, oil riggers and the like," he said. "But not in England."

Finally British filmmakers discovered that working class were people and monetarily successful. They then made a tremendous number of what we called kitchen sink pictures.

"When TV came in, kitchen sink pictures disappeared because the cost of films increased, but movie audiences didn't. We became dependent on American audiences to get out money back. That didn't happen either."

"So we returned to nostalgic Victorian films like "Gandhi" and "A Room with a View," hoping they would do well abroad."

"Rita" was a return to the working class idea. I suppose I like to make films about real people, pictures with an underlying seriousness told with humor. They are not easy to find.

"I think it is significant that both 'Rita' and 'Shirley' are films with a woman's point of view. They both were written by Willy Russell, a very masculine man, who started life as a hairdresser."

"Willy told me, 'a woman treats her hairdresser like a priest. She confesses all her problems and intimate secrets.' So he understands women very well and writes about them with great insight and sensitivity."

Master make it big

Soviet rock is 'poetry'

By Linda Feldmann

ROCK music is rock music, no matter where you are — right? Well, almost. At a rock concert in Moscow, you can close your eyes and pretend, for at least a few seconds, that you're in New York, London, or Los Angeles. You hear screeching electric guitars, piercing vocals, ear-splitting microphone feedback. Open your eyes, and there are the most ardent fans, waving their fists, jammed up near the front to get a closer look at their heroes.

The group "Master" is a perfect example of this effect. They've got the heavy-metal routine down cold, with their wild, flowing hair-dos, skin-tight gear, and gymnastic gyrations (which keep the "roadies" on their toes, as they race around trying to untangle cords). At a recent concert in Moscow, Master was clearly the act the audience had come to see — not The Maybés (two women in black leather who sang pop songs to canned music) or the new-wave group Bioconductor.

Melodija, is doing big business peddling the works of Soviet and Western groups.

The interesting part of Soviet rock isn't the time but the words — the "poetry," as Russians like to say. Sometimes it contains a Russian listener will fix on. After all, what a joy it is at last to have lyrics on one's native tongue. Sometimes a song isn't much more than anger set to noise. Until recently, such public expressions of indignation were stifled at the officious.

In a recent book chronicling Soviet rock history, "Back in the USSR," Artyom Troitsky cites the lyrics of some of the more interesting groups. The song "Grey Dove," by Zvuki Mu, was one of the hits of a 1986 rock festival. It's words:

*I'm dirty, I'm exhausted
My neck's so thin
Your hand won't tremble
When you're off
I'm so bad and nasty
I'm worse than you are
I'm the most unwanted
I'm trash
I'm pure dirt
But I can fly!*

Troitsky writes that Zvuki Mu's creative guru, Peter Mamonov, would make "memorable and indecipherable movements" something like a convulsive bird in flight. "The whole verse was yelled in ecstasy," Troitsky continues. "All these antisocial junkies and geniuses of the underground with spiky hair and earrings saw themselves as 'grey doves' — loathsome and vulnerable but still more 'high' (lofty) than the normal, well-respected people."

Some of the forces unleashed by glasnost, such as the Russian nationalist movement called Pamyat, continue to challenge Soviet rock. But, by and large, rock has come up from the underground. So far Troitsky is disappointed that "too few rock bands dare to test glasnost." But he is confident that will change.

"The future is bright and unpredictable," his book concludes. "Nothing scares us now."



Fans show their appreciation.



Master on stage in Moscow.

'Drowning people unable to signal for help'

How and why people drown

LARCHMONT, Sept. 2 (UPI): Drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death in the United States, but most people are unaware when someone is going under, a researcher has concluded.

"People don't call out for help, and they don't wave their arms," said Frank Pia, a water safety consultant and former lifeguard who has spent the last 25 years documenting how and why people drown.

Instead, an instinctive set of responses take hold that lock the victim into a silent and hopeless death struggle, said Pia, 46, who started working as a lifeguard at the age of 15 at Orchard beach in the Bronx.

"Tragically, the instinctive process that takes over gives the drowning victim the appearance of someone just playing in the water," he said. "I have rescued children whose parents were standing just a

few feet from them, and were totally unaware."

Once the drowning response starts, it is impossible for the victim to break the cycle without help, he said. "Essentially what you would be trying to do is stop a reflex from occurring, which cannot be done."

The surface struggle varies in length from 20 seconds for a child to 60 seconds for adults, Pia said.

"The myth about going up and down three times is incorrect."

Drowning people will inevitably extend their arms partially out to the sides and then attempt to press down on the water so their heads can come out of the water and they can get air, he said.

The respiratory system was designed primarily for breathing, with speech a secondary or overlaid function, Pia said. "So in the case of someone drowning, since they don't have enough air to

breathe, they don't have enough residual air left over to call out for help."

Similarly, the drowning person is so intent on pushing down on the water in an attempt to raise his head above it that he is not going to interrupt his struggle to wave for help.

Pia said he once pushed a ring buoy right in front of a young boy who was drowning and told him to grab it.

"He was unable to do that," Pia said. "What I finally did was slide the ring buoy under his thrashing arms. His arms came down on the buoy and he was able to grab it and pull it in front of him."

Pia said this is an especially important lesson for boaters, since many believe if someone falls overboard they can just throw them a personal flotation device.

"Once that instinctive drowning response takes

over, you can have a PFD (floatation device) a foot in front of your face and you will not be able to break into those instinctive reactions to reach for it," he said.

Pia said the popular view of a drowning victim is a person who is yelling for help and waving his arms.

"That type of person I have termed a distress victim. They're in no immediate danger of drowning but could drown if help isn't rendered."

Another myth about persons drowning is that "in their panic they will attempt to strangle you," Pia said. "If you support them in the water with their head up they'll calm down," he said.

But Pia advised against a swimming rescue unless an individual has been trained. Instead, people should try to extend a pole, a hand, or something that will float and get it underneath the victim's arms, he said.

Dear Mr President ...

The voices of America

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (UPI): Every day thousands of Americans with questions, problems, advice or gripes, pick up their pens and write President George Bush.

School children ask what he eats for breakfast and sportsmen let him know where they stand on gun control.

An orphan pleaded that he help him get adopted, a North Dakota farmer thanked him for more than an inch of rain and a frustrated Virginian urged him "please do something about the murder of American citizens."

With plenty of help from a White House staff, Bush receives about 40,000 to 50,000 letters a week, making him something of a national pen pal, complaint centre and sounding board.

"Dear Mr President: This is the first time I have ever written a public official, so rightly I should start with whom I consider the most effective," began a mother pleading for "strong laws" to combat drugs.

Letter writers include admirers, advisers and critics. They tell him about their families, hopes and fears.

Congratulations

"I'm the father of two wonderful boys, ages five and three. On their behalf, I would like to congratulate you for the arms reduction proposal you made at the NATO summit."

Some messages are gut-wrenching. Others are heart-warming. Others still are irate. Some are just cute.

"I'm glad you won the election," one child scrawled. "I think you are the best president in the world."

P.S. "Why did the trees move from the White House?"

"To make room for the bushes."

"Thanks for your letter," Bush replied. "I appreciate your support — and your joke. I'll share it with Mrs. Bush."

Presidents have been getting mail from the public ever since George Washington, and the volume has risen steadily.

Since taking office, Bush has received more than 1.3 million letters, about 80 percent from the public. In fact, Bush likely gets far more mail than anyone in America, and syndicated columnist Abigail Van Buren, "Dear Abby," justly concedes his total far exceeds hers.

The backlog of the President's unanswered mail now stands — stacked boxes — at about 75,000, but not for lack of effort.

A White House staff of 130, plus an army of about 400 volunteers, sort, read and tabulate the mail, issue by issue, from abortion to the hostages.

'Do something'

"Please do something about the murder of American citizens," a Virginia man wrote Aug. 1 — the day after the purported execution in Lebanon of kidnapped US Marine Lt Col William Higgins.

"Certainly, I do not know all the answers to the problems in the Middle East, but I am praying that ... just such an answer may be found."

All letters get a response, but fewer than 100 a month get a personal presidential reply.

Most people receive a letter from staff members. Others get form letters that deal with the most frequently asked questions, like his position on abortion — (he's opposed) to oil exploration in Alaska (he favours it) to gun control (he banned most foreign-made semiautomatics) to a possible presidential pardon of Oliver North (he insists he isn't even considering one).

Grade school classes studying nutrition regularly ask what he eats for breakfast.

"To answer your question ... I usually have orange juice and yogurt with granola. I hope you start your day off with a good breakfast."

The White House Correspondence Office sends the President a weekly breakdown on his mail, as well as a sample of a few dozen letters.

Shirley Green, who heads the office, says, "We also send him a pro and con from each of the issues, so he not only knows what the issues are, but the tone and flavour — how upset people are. He really wants to know."

Opposition

"This is to inform you of my strong opposition to the ban on the import of firearms," read the message from a gun owner in Missouri. He reminded the President that Americans have "a constitutional right to bear arms."

Green, a fast-talking, fast-walking Texas dynamo, has been with Bush for nearly a genera-

tion, including his eight years as vice-president.

"The first time I walked into the Oval Office, he said, 'How are we going to handle all this mail for that I know what people are thinking. I don't want to lose touch with the people.'"

Green's high-tech operation includes an analysis division to help screen the mail, a special response section to draft replies and a greeting cards section to handle birthdays and anniversaries.

There is also a unit that deals with letters asking Bush to help solve a problem with the federal bureaucracy, such as getting veterans' benefits, social security benefits or even a visa.

Last winter, a 12-year-old Midwestern boy wrote that red tape was preventing him from being adopted by a family who wanted him.

The White House resolved the snag by nudging a couple of state agencies. And then the President wrote to the boy:

"It is clear from your letter that there is much love between you and (the new family). You have Mrs. Bush's and my own best wishes for a wonderful family life."

"God bless you, George Bush."

Rain man

Bush gets all sorts of mail. A trip to North Dakota last spring to participate in that state's 100th birthday drew an unusual letter of appreciation from one citizen:

"... not only did you make our centennial special but you also brought rain ... we received over an inch of rain. That's the biggest rainfall this drought-stricken area has received in some time."

Lillie Bell heads the Office of Mail Analysis. A 20-year veteran of the operation, she can categorize the five presidents she's served by the letters they received.

Richard Nixon: "Vietnam," Bell says. "Every other letter seemed to be about the war."

Gerald Ford: "His (post-Watergate) pardon of Nixon. That was the issue."

Jimmy Carter: "Initially, people's concerns were about energy. Then the hostages."

Ronald Reagan: "We got a really big volume of get-well cards after the (1981) attempted assassination."

George Bush: "Mial. Just lots of mail. There's more of a variety. Everything."

Bell says, "At one time, people tended to write mainly on things that affected them personally. Now, people seem more concerned about global and national issues."

Bush hears it from all sides. On June 5, he imposed limited sanctions against China for its crackdown against pro-democracy demonstrators, but said he didn't want to cut diplomatic relations.

The following day, one American wrote: "I am very disappointed with your initial weak response." Another said: "Thank you for your careful and measured response."

Bush does more than receive. He also sends — about 5,000 greeting cards a week marking all occasions, births and deaths, anniversaries and graduations, confirmations and retirements.

Limits

There are some limits on the greetings. To receive a birthday card, one must be at least 80. Anniversary cards only go to couples who have been married at least 50 years. The only other requirement is a letter of request to the White House.

"The President wants to stay in touch with the people," says Green. "Many people write him as if they were talking to a member of their family."

The Supreme Court decision that said Americans can burn the flag prompted Bush to seek a Constitutional amendment to nullify the ruling and prompted a wave of mail.

"Dear President Bush ... I feel absolutely sick over this new ruling and want you to know that I am grateful for your efforts," wrote a mother of six.

In an address to newspaper editors in Chicago last spring, Bush quoted a letter from a seventh grader in Torrance, Calif., who wanted him to protect the environment.

The President said the youngster requested a specific list of action and told him:

"I'm not saying you're doing a bad job, but could you put a little more effort into it?"

"The letter was written on Jan. 20, 1989, inauguration day," Bush said, drawing laughter. "I don't know if I've satisfied that guy or not, but I can say that I got his message."

Little people find a forum for small talk and short shtick

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2. (UPI): The National Association of Short Adults wants its tiny membership to grow, so it has launched a campaign for people who look, act, or think small.

Height isn't a requirement. A person who speaks in short sentences could qualify. This NASA presently has 50 members and bills itself as the alternative space agency with the motto, "One small step." Another motto is, "Down in front."

Belle Adler, 5-foot-1, leader of the group at 5-foot-1

1 1/2 inches, said she believes the membership will double or even triple as people become aware of the minuscule requirements for joining.

The application form accepts those in several categories. Under physical, for example, a person can be short-winded, short-haired or short-sighted. Under occupation, it's okay to be a short order cook or a shortstop. Being short-tempered makes the grade as well as having a name such as Mr Short or Ms Little.

"We absolutely expect the organization to

grow," said Adler. Dues are \$10, plus an additional \$1 an inch if a person thinks they're too tall, a decision left up to the applicant.

To boost interest, the organization has come out with the premiere edition of a small four page newsletter, "The Short Sheet," and the opening editorial calls for an Equal Heights Amendment.

"Short supporters now have a forum for small talk, short shtick and serious thoughts about stature," said 5-foot-1 1/2-inch editor Diane Keaton, also a co-founder.

She said NASA was formed during the presidential elections when Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis's height became the subject of jokes and news stories popped up about how Americans had chosen the taller candidate in 17 of the last 21 elections.

"We struck back below the knees. We proclaimed our support for a president who would use less food and fiber," said Keaton. "We called for a candidate who stood head and shoulders below the rest. And the media, big and small, reported it."

In calling for an Equal Heights Amendment, the newsletter proposed this wording in the US Constitution:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of height."

Such language, said the newsletter, will result in such obvious gains as: ■ Hats and bouffant hairdos being prohibited at movie theatres. Mandatory compliance by guillotine.

■ All chairs in public places will be lowered by no less than 6-1/2 inches. Non-compliance to result in termination of federal funding of basketball courts.

■ The short will receive higher salaries than the tall for a change. Furthermore, in companies with 10 or more employees, no fewer than half of all staff members must be shorter than the other half.

"Tall employees whose jobs are about to be severed, in accordance with this law, however, have the option of severing themselves to meet height requirements."

Desires can become dark obsessions Fatal addictions

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (UPI): You don't have to smoke crack or gargle vodka to be an addict. Sex, food, gambling, exercise and even shopping can be destructive if not taken in moderation.

That's the gist of the message delivered by Maria Shriver's new special, "Fatal Addictions," which aired on NBC last month.

"Our deepest desires can become our darkest obsessions," Shriver said at the opening of the show. She went on to warn that a half million people in the United States will die because of addiction this year.

Alcohol and drugs are, of course, the big two of lethal addictions — if you don't count smoking, which was mentioned in the opening but not dealt with during the programme.

Cocaine

No matter how many case studies you may have read about or watched — or even, sadly, witnessed personally — it was moving when the handsome, clean-cut former Los Angeles Dodgers Pitcher Steve Howe bore witness to how he had everything and threw it away on cocaine.

Howe, who said he finally found help by finding God, still hopes to return to baseball.

Former First Lady Betty Ford appeared on the show to tell her story of the family confrontation that forced her to face her addiction to alcohol and painkillers — and it was a moving tale even if you have heard her tell it before.

That's the trouble with a show like "fatal addictions" — war stories about the two really fatal addictions, alcohol and narcotics, have been told so many times.

The Shriver show unintentionally underscored the point by illustrating its points with clips of TV movies — James Woods as Jim Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, Meredith Baxter-Birney stuffing food in her mouth in a pig-out scene from a movie about bulimia, and more.

Once something has achieved disease-of-the-week status, it is no longer exactly newsy.

To get around the fact that this is well-tramped territory, the audience was offered glimpses of some of the less fatal addictions. There was Margaux Hemingway, for instance,

talking about how she overcame alcoholism only to find herself addicted to the binge and purge food addiction of bulimia.

Gamblers were dealt with, and so was a man with a shopping obsession. He was addicted to buying photographic equipment — he couldn't get enough — and suffered real withdrawal pains when his therapist made him get rid of the stuff, lock, stock and zoom lens.

The one that proved to be a real grabber was the story of Ann (not her real name, we were told), a 45-year-old housewife and mother of two children.

Ann's addiction was sex — she hangs out in bars and picks up strangers for nights of sex, then goes home to make breakfast for her husband and the kids.

It's the "Looking for Mr Goodbar" syndrome, from the book and movie of the same name, and a clip of Diane Keaton in the film version was included. Like the girl who was looking for Mr Goodbar in New York City singles bars, Ann and those like her could find that theirs really is a fatal addiction.

Ann describes her shame and depression and how she finally became frightened of herself after — in a position of dominance in one of her encounters — she felt not sexual excitement but absolute rage and a desire to kill.

Shriver said there are 13 million people like Ann in the United States — a figure that needs more backup than it got on "Fatal Addictions."

Abused

Ann was abused by her father from the time she was a year-and-a-half until she was 8. When the abuse stopped, she felt abandoned and has been seeking men as a way to handle the pain.

One of the most interesting and unfortunately fleeting segments of "Fatal Addictions" dealt with the treatment industry — Shriver called it a growth industry, a \$3 billion business.

The show concluded with a round of applause for the 12-step approach to addiction, originally formulated by Bill Wilson for AA and now used by self-help groups for various addictions.

Cashing in on 'monkey' business

Tourists pay top dollar to see gorillas in the mist

By Michael Roddy

VIRUNGA NATIONAL PARK, Zaire, Sept. 2. (Reuters): Salam, a 140-kilo (300-pound) mountain gorilla, had an armed guard, a trail guide and five tourists watching him eat breakfast in the jungle but didn't seem to mind.

He merely grunted at intervals in his basso profundo voice to the group arrayed in a semi-circle about two metres (yards) away, watching him tear vines from a tree and pull them sideways through his enormous mouth to remove leaves.

Park guard Mura Sira, 25, responded with like noises, explaining this was his way of reassuring Salam, a powerful silverbacked male, that we were friendly.

So it went for about 45 minutes in the jungle high on a mountain in one of the most remote parts of eastern Zaire.

From all over the world — Japan, the United States and Europe — people are flocking to see the hottest tourist attraction to emanate from the jungle in years, gorillas in the wild.

"It's what everyone wants to do, especially since the movie came out," said Philippe Lotte, manager of the local branch of the Zairean Travel and Shipping Company Amiza.

The movie is "Gorillas in the Mist" about naturalist Dian Fossey who studied wild mountain gorillas in neighbouring Rwanda.

The movie's stunning closeup shots have triggered a tourist boom in Zaire's Virunga National Park and in Rwanda,



A tourist takes pictures of a gorilla.

both of which offer organised tours to see wild mountain gorillas.

Mountain gorillas, the biggest of all gorillas, are an endangered species and can be seen only in the wild. The Worldwide Fund for Nature says there are fewer than 600 in the world, about 300 in the Virunga Mountains which is extended from Zaire into Rwanda and a similar number in Uganda.

Lotte spends much of his time rounding up park permits

for the daily quota of 24 visitors — only 12 a day are allowed to see each of the park's two gorilla families. There are 17 apes in one family and about 30 in the other.

It is, of course, less costly to watch gorillas in the cinema than in the wild.

Permits cost \$100 per person. Driving to the park from the nearest town, Goma, can easily cost \$100 or 200 for the round trip.

Visitors usually spend a day or two in a Goma Hotel, which

costs \$50 to 60 a night.

And many visitors fly two hours from the Zairean capital Kinshasa, at \$300 one way.

None of that seems insurmountable, however, even to backpackers who arrive overland from Rwanda, where park permits are more expensive, to see gorillas at a discount in Zaire.

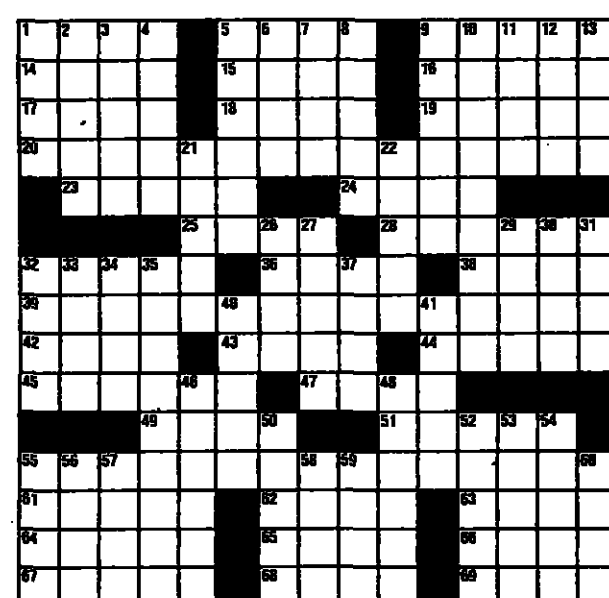
"It's why I came here," said John Purcell, an Irish schoolteacher who works in England and who bought a permit although he

had barely enough money for dinner.

Visitors often walk hours through dense jungle to see the gorillas, which move to different spots almost every night in search of fresh vines and bamboo.

Guides hack trails through the brush, following traces of vegetation mangled by the gorillas, while tourists scramble to follow. It can be exhausting, but most visitors seem to think the experience is worthwhile.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 763 ♥ 962 ♦ AK54 ♣ 652
Partner opens the bidding with three no trump (25-27 points). What do you respond?

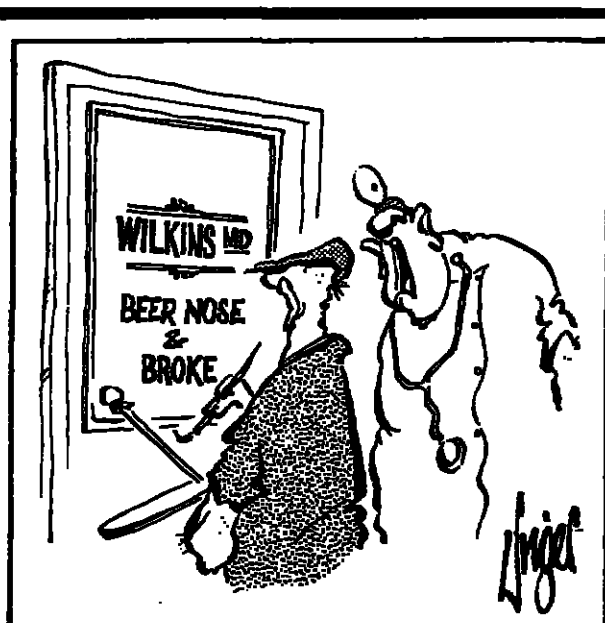
Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ KJ8 ♥ 984 ♦ 654 ♣ A1063
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K95 ♥ 762 ♦ 842 ♣ AQ93
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 5 ♥ J107652 ♦ QJ53 ♣ 93
Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ KQ9852 ♥ 63 ♦ J104 ♣ K8
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♥ 1 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ AKJ63 ♥ K95 ♦ Q92 ♣ 63
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♣ Pass
2 ♦ Pass ?
What do you bid now?



"Ear, nose and throat!"



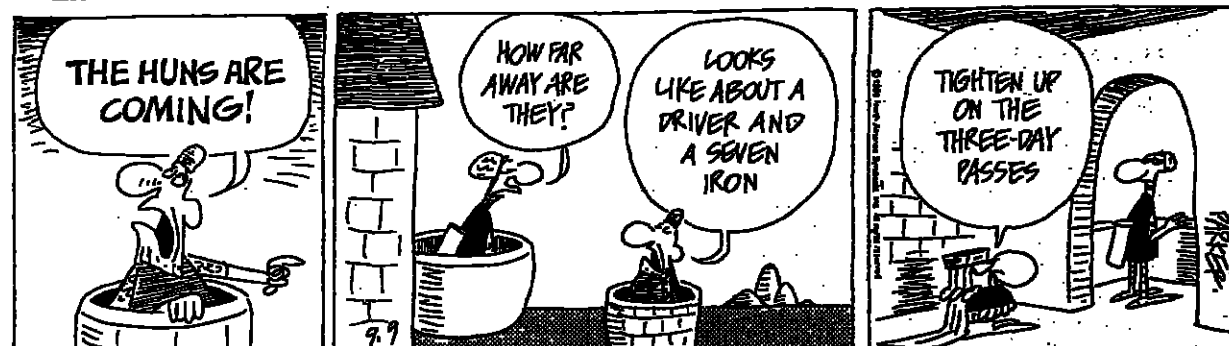
"Have you anything that will make weeds suffer before they die?"



"Tell camera two to pay more attention to the cricket!"

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You would do well to take a little longer if this ensures you do not have to do anything again. Do not think of work today and try to relax. Have more faith in yourself. Be patient.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be able to make amends and should do so. You will come across a new and better method of doing something you have to do pretty often. Do not give your partner cause for complaint. Be frugal.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Do not do anything that would make anyone close to you feel let down. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 19. Give a little more attention to a personal matter. Make sure you pay your bills promptly. Be prompt.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Dress well but not too ostentatiously. Take your mind off work for the day and do things you find relaxing. Do not eat so much that you feel the worse for it. Be loyal.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be able to do a friend a favour and should do so. You should avoid doing things on the spur of the moment. Do not allow yourself to be taken in by "sales talk". Be polite.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Someone could well be rude to you, do not reply in kind. Make sure you do not allow subjective considerations to cloud your judgement. Avoid exceeding speed or other limits and stay within the law. Be generous.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will receive a present which will not be of much use to you. However it would be wise to be seen as ungrateful. Something you have been practising will now become second nature. Be helpful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will tend to be rather on the chummy side, but there is no point in being angry with yourself. Give others the benefit of any doubt. Do not exercise so much that you exhaust yourself. Be courteous.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

A promise you have made should be kept cost what it may. You will be able to deal with a problem that has bothered you. Do not do anything you know would be on your conscience. Be prompt.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

Something you have been trying to learn will now become easier. You should have just a little more faith in yourself. Do not rely on guesswork and do not say the first thing that comes to mind. Be reasonable.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Do not be too proud to admit that your memory is not as good as it was. And do not hesitate to make use of memory aids. Also, do not delay doing things that should be done now. Be respectful.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Something that you had high hopes of will turn out to be a waste of time. You will have some personal success. You should not expect others always to agree with you but you should avoid getting into an argument. Be tolerant.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Call to avoid unjustified short-run activity

Kuwait trade volume goes into retreat

THE Alshahi Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 38.58 points with an increase of 0.87 point — 2.25 per cent — over last week's average of Wednesday August 23, 1989.

The Alshahi Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 68.97 with an increase of 0.68 point — 0.99 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshahi weekly market report.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 22.6 million shares at a daily average of 4.52 million shares with a decrease of 3 per cent from the week's daily average of 4.64 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 14,320 million shares at a daily average of 2,864 million shares with an increase of 554 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.438 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD9.95 million at a daily average of KD1.99 million, an increase of 23 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1.62 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.370 million at a daily average of KD0.074 million, an increase of 393 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.015 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 75 per cent of total trading against 52 per cent last week. The National Bank of Kuwait led at 24 per cent followed by The Gulf Bank at 23 per cent and Kuwait Finance House at 19 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 10 per cent in which Kuwait Investment Projects Company had the lead at 78 per cent followed by National Investments Company at 14 per cent and Commercial Facilities Company and Kuwait International Investment Company at 4 per cent.

The services sector came third at 9 per cent in which Mobile Telephone Systems Company had the lead at 72 per cent followed by the Public Warehousing Company at 27 per cent and Kuwait Computer Company at 1 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Umm Al-Qasr Cement Company led at 78 per cent followed by Arabian General Investment Company at 15 per cent followed by Bahrain Middle East Bank at 6 per cent.

All market indicators were positive except for the traded volume of Kuwaiti shares. The concentration of

trading returned to the banking sector and in particular in the shares of the National Bank of Kuwait due to the dealers tendency to avoid risk.

Periods of unjustified activity lead to new market victims and therefore should be avoided.

The market has witnessed many periods of such sudden bursts in activity which lead to overall weakness in performance that is increasing as times passes. This has led to a speculative market that has weak links to investment criteria.

The market needs to witness a period of relative stability together with concentration on improving the performance or even replacing weak listed companies in order to raise investor confidence and prevent the present weak performance of increasing as in the past seven years.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	30/08/89	23/08/89	Change points
Banking Sector			
The National Bank	120.38	116.94	3.44
The Gulf Bank	32.81	31.92	0.89
The Commercial Bank	24.15	24.15	—
Al Ahli Bank	31.79	30.28	1.51
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	31.91	31.44	0.47
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.71	28.71	—
Burgan Bank	27.58	27.06	0.52
Kuwait Finance House	79.10	78.27	0.82
Sector Index	48.50	47.37	1.13
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	13.77	13.77	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	10.65	11.00	-0.34
IFA	48.90	48.90	—
Commercial Facilities	122.38	116.88	5.50
National Investments	62.75	62.75	—
Kuwait Investment Proj.	93.26	93.26	—
Sector Index	31.80	31.58	0.22
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	36.48	35.28	1.20
Gulf Insurance Co.	24.62	24.62	—
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	50.84	48.80	2.03
Warba Insurance Co.	58.42	54.98	3.44

Sector Index	36.87	35.74	1.14
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	16.57	16.31	0.25
United Realty	5.29	5.60	-0.31
National Real Estate	35.83	35.83	—
Pearl of Kuwait	76.98	74.60	2.38
Sector Index	16.79	16.75	0.04

Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	12.13	12.13	—
Refrigeration Indust.	80.16	77.96	2.20
Gulf Cables	113.13	112.00	1.13
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	70.22	70.22	—
Sector Index	30.56	30.29	0.27

Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	162.00	155.52	6.48
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	68.69	69.70	-1.01

Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.			
Mobile Telephone Syst.	36.83	36.83	—
Sector Index	55.48	55.09	0.40

Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.62	—
Kuwait United Poultry	100.01	84.34	25.67
Kuwait Food Co.	70.11	67.82	2.30
Sector Index	39.20	35.98	3.22

Overall Index	39.58	38.71	0.87
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Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index

	30/08/89	23/08/89	Change points
First Gulf Bank	223.68	223.68	—
Kuwait United Bank	89.66	88.28	1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	89.22	89.22	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	43.94	43.94	—
Umm Al Qasr Cement	17.62	15.00	2.62
Gulf Medical Projects	21.46	21.46	—
Total Index	68.97	68.29	0.68

— Base period 31/12/1983.
— All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

Nam to seek debt relief

Venezuela likely to take moderate line

BELGRADE, Sept 2, (Reuters):

The Non-Aligned Movement summit will appeal to the developed world to write off the debt of the world's poorest nations, diplomats said today.

But the appeal will be tempered by differences between Latin American countries and Africa over an external debt estimated at around \$1.3 trillion, the diplomats said.

External debt drained \$143 billion from the Third World coffers between 1984 and 1988 — \$43 billion in 1988 alone — according to a draft document on debt to go before the four-day summit opening on Monday.

The document suggests setting up a debtor's forum to exchange experiences and strengthen negotiating positions and called on creditor governments and international financial institutions not to restrict further loans to major debtors but to limit the cost of debt servicing to a per-

centage of export earnings.

"As far as the debt of the least developed countries is concerned, writing off and forgiveness of debt, combined with lower interest rates and new highly concessional loans are essential," it says.

The 102-member Non-Aligned Movement includes some of the world's poorest countries such as Bangladesh, which owes \$9.5 billion, Cameroon (6.5 billion) and Congo (4.7 billion).

Diplomats said African countries were pressing for a major non-aligned initiative on debt in Belgrade but Latin American countries, who between them owe \$401 billion, preferred to use the International Monetary Fund and in some cases the commercial banks to negotiate a settlement directly.

"This is not the right forum for debating the debt problem which should be discussed with creditor nations rather than among deb-

tors," Peru's Foreign Minister Guillermo Larco-Cox told Reuters today.

Peru, a member of the Non-Aligned Movement's debt commission, takes a hard line on debt repayment, refusing to use more than 10 per cent of export earnings on debt servicing.

Venezuela, which owes \$29 billion, is expected to take a moderate line and Argentina also felt the movement was not the right forum to pursue a campaign on the issue, Latin American diplomats said.

Argentina tops the non-aligned league of debtor nations with \$60 billion.

Despite the Latin American opposition, Zimbabwe, the outgoing chairman of the movement, is expected to unveil a debt plan for Africa pressing multilateral agencies and other governments to take a moderate line on repayment and debt rescheduling.

Ahead of IMF talks

Egypt to send envoys to Paris, Bonn

CAIRO, Sept 2, (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will send two top aides to Paris and Bonn this week for talks ahead of crucial negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Prime Minister Atef Sedki told reporters presidential assistant Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala and Atef Ebeid, minister for cabinet affairs, would leave for France and West Germany in the next two days.

This comes in the framework of current consultations between Egypt and some international financial institutions, like the IMF and the World Bank," Sedki said after Mubarak met the three. He gave no other details.

Sedki said an IMF team would arrive in Cairo within two weeks for more talks on a letter of intent being prepared by the government.

"There are some points to be clarified by the two sides and we hope this will be done in the coming

meeting."

Egypt is seeking an accord with the IMF on a package of economic reforms. The accord should allow Cairo to reschedule some of its foreign debt, estimated at \$50 billion.

Meanwhile, Egypt decided yesterday to increase prices for all blends of its exported oil by 15 cents a barrel, an Oil Ministry official said.

Hammad Ayoub, the ministry's foreign sales director, said the new prices will be in effect from Friday but did not say how long. Prices customarily are reviewed every fortnight.

The 15-cent increase was the second hike in a row. Prices went up by 50 cents a barrel across the board in the second half of August.

The new prices are \$15.15 a barrel for the top-grade Gulf of Suez blend; \$14.30 a barrel for Belayim; \$13.15 a barrel for Ras Badran; and \$12.85 a barrel for Ras Ghareb.

Australia to consider airlines compensation

SYDNEY, Sept 2, (Reuters):

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke said yesterday his government will consider compensating domestic airlines for huge losses suffered in the pilots dispute that has grounded internal flights for nine days.

Hawke told journalists state-owned Australian Airlines and its private sector counterpart Ansett had written to him on Thursday seeking financial help.

Each airline is losing up to \$15 million (\$12 million) a week, industry sources estimate.

Minister will discuss the request next week. But Hawke, whose strong condemnation of the pilots' 30 per cent pay claim was widely blamed for helping to provoke their mass resignation last week, was unwilling to discuss the level of any compensation.

"What you have to do is look

at the question of the principle of it first, to see if in the circumstances it is appropriate, he said. If you think it is, then you get into the question of details."

Hawke was accused by the opposition in parliament on Thursday of involving himself in the dispute because of his long friendship with Ansett managing director, Sir Peter Abeles.

Hawke angrily dismissed the allegation and received support

for his headline stance from an opinion poll that showed 61 per cent of 1,300 people questioned backed his handling of the dispute.

Economists say the Labour government's economic strategy would be severely compromised if the pilots' claim succeeded. Such a success could lead to a wage breakout and a rise in inflation above the current rate of around seven per cent, they said.

Ansett and Australian Airlines agreed with trade union officials at a meeting in Melbourne on Thursday to continue paying 21,000 groundstaff left idle by the mass resignation of 1,600 pilots.

Nine Air Force and Navy planes, plus the aircraft of 14 international airlines, are transporting around 10 per cent of the 300,000 people who normally use domestic airlines every week.

UAE trade team to visit Argentina

ABU DHABI, Sept 2, (OPEC/DNA):

A trade delegation headed by the chairman of the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Saad Bin Ahmed Al Otaiba, will visit Argentina this month, it has been disclosed here.

The move is designed to help boost trade and economic co-operation between the United Arab Emirates and Argentina, according to a chamber source.

A series of meetings will cover trade and information links and familiarize businessmen from both countries with bilateral marketing opportunities.

Topics to be discussed will include co-operation in investments, agriculture, animal produce, food industries, technical services and tourism, in addition to participation in international trade fairs in the two countries.

A chamber report said that Abu Dhabi's 1984-88 imports from Argentina had attained an average "fluctuating" growth of 16 per cent. Imports had risen to \$2.04 million in value in 1985, but had slumped to just \$12,000 last year.

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Pakistani rupee.....	14.420
Bangladesh taka.....	9.250
US dollar.....	30135
Pound sterling.....	46975
Deutsche mark.....	15240
UAE dirham.....	08210
Japanese yen.....	002077

Dirty money from drugs pose problems for US banks

WASHINGTON, Sept 2, (Reuters):

The United States has taken the offensive against dirty money which is causing logistical nightmares for banks, as well as the multi-billion dollar international drug trade which generates it.

For the drug lords, the main problem is the sheer bulk of their profits: a million dollars in mixed bank notes weighs up to 100 pounds (45 kg).

Congress has passed laws making money-laundering a criminal offence and now requires banks to report any suspicious transactions and cash deposits above \$10,000.

Washington has also sought international help in staunching the flow of drug money around

Iraq invites Arab investors

KUWAIT, Sept 2, (Agencies):

Kuwait and Iraq had approved, in principle, a \$4 million equitable agreement to market both countries' products during two commercial weeks to be held in Kuwait and Iraq soon, Iraqi commercial counsellor here Rahim Taher Hussein said today.

Hussein speaking to KUNA, added that Kuwait-Iraqi commercial and trade relations are to witness great progress especially after the halt of the Gulf war.

Iraq will organise its first commercial week here at the second half of November and Kuwait will organise its first week in Baghdad in the first half of

December.

Hussein invited Arab investors to take advantage of facilities provided by his government to invest there.

He added that Iraq, which following the halt of the war started re-construction of the war-devastated Fao city and others, resorted to Kuwait to supply it with the necessary equipment to achieve this goal.

Concluding, Hussein pointed to bilateral agreement that co-ordinate goods transportation between the two countries.

Meanwhile, the oil exploration company of Iraq and British Gas have signed an agreement to conduct a co-operative study of

oilfields in northern Iraq, the companies announced yesterday.

The agreement allows both companies to conduct an 18-month project to determine the hydrocarbon reserve potential of an area in northern Iraq of 296,000 acres (1,200 sq. km) area containing four known oilfields.

The study will evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of increasing production in these fields, the companies said.

Technical personnel from Iraq's Ministry of Oil and British Gas in Houston and London will participate in the joint investigation.

Inflation nears 1,000pc

BELGRADE, Sept 2, (Reuters):

Yugoslavia's Communist government suffered a blow yesterday in its effort to save the economy when official data showed inflation soared to almost 1,000 per cent in August.

The Federal Bureau of Statistics said annual inflation rose by a monthly record of 205.2 per cent points to 993.8 per cent compared with 78.6 per cent in July. In August 1988, inflation stood at 198.4 per cent.

The figures were issued one day after a Deputy Prime Minister, Aleksandar Motovic, said the government would re-denominate the dinar, perhaps as early as this year, to combat inflation.

Motovic did not give precise details of the reform, which was the most drastic measure yet

announced to tackle the economic chaos. The last re-denomination of the dinar occurred in 1965, when 100 old dinars were replaced by one new dinar.

The dinar has collapsed in value this year. It was quoted on Thursday at about 29,100 to the dollar, compared with about 22,500 just one month ago and less than 3,000 a year ago.

Yugoslavia is also struggling with at least 16 per cent unemployment, a foreign debt of more than \$20 billion, low industrial productivity and labour unrest.

Hundreds of ethnic Albanian miners stayed on strike on Thursday for a second consecutive day in the southern province of Kosovo, where 25 people were killed in riots this year after the region lost its autonomy to the republic of Serbia.

Pitmen at the Trepcia lead and zinc mines, the largest industrial plant in Kosovo, refused to work because they had not received their salaries for July, Tanjug news agency said.

The economic turmoil has provided the backdrop for a rise in tension between Serbia, the largest of the six republics, and Slovenia and Croatia, which fear Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic wants to centralise Yugoslavia under his control.

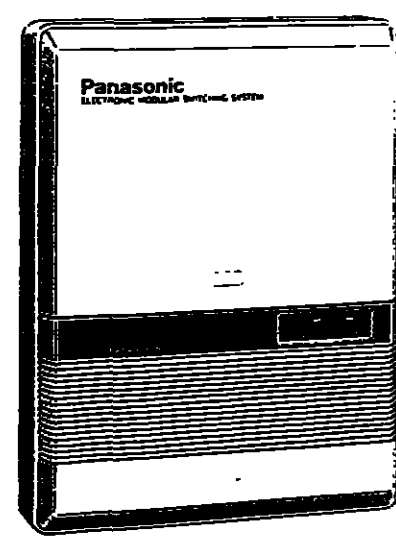
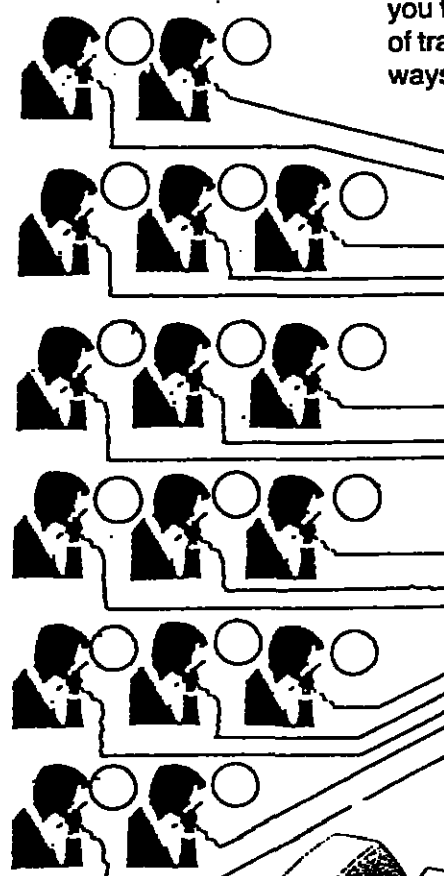
Prime Minister Ante Markovic, a Croat, has come under attack from Serbia and some smaller republics for failing to curb inflation. He alleged last month that there was a plot to overthrow his government, which has served less than six months.

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Trade solutions hazy as Bush, Kaifu cement ties

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (AP): US President George Bush and Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu put their relationship on a friendly, first-name basis, but the prime minister raised doubt about whether US-Japan trade friction will ease in the near future.

Kaifu told Bush and Cabinet members at yesterday's White House meeting not to expect significant progress by next spring in a new round of high-level US-Japanese economic meetings, a Japanese spokesman said.

The prime minister said he will try his utmost, but since the talks cover deep-rooted problems, "he will not be able to guarantee remarkable progress," according to spokesman Seiichi Kondo, Japanese Foreign Ministry Director of Inter-

national Press Affairs.

Both Secretary of State James Baker and Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady said it would be important to show Congress evidence of progress by spring in the new talks, which are to address structural problems underlying the US-Japan trade dispute, Kondo told reporters.

In May, Bush personally proposed the structural talks that began next week in Tokyo and may continue during the coming year on a sporadic basis.

Kondo said Bush agreed the talks would be "a two-way street" — covering both US complaints about Japanese distribution and pricing practices that discourage imports of foreign products and Japanese criticism of US high debt and low savings

and investment that weaken American competitiveness.

Later, Kaifu told a National Press Club audience the United States was putting "unreasonable pressure" on Japan to open markets for US products such as satellites, supercomputers and rice. He said the tough new US trade law under which Japan has been targeted for potential sanctions could negatively affect bilateral relations.

Overall, Kaifu was "very pleased" with his Washington visit because he achieved most of his goals, such as forging a close working relationship with Bush, Kondo said.

After their talks, both leaders said they felt like they were old friends. Bush thanked Kaifu for "for honouring the

United States by this very, very early visit in your prime ministership."

"They called each other George and Toshiki several times during the meetings ... and agreed they'll not hesitate to call each other on the phone whenever problems arise," the Japanese spokesman reported.

The first names were proposed by Bush, he said, in keeping with the American style of informality Bush and former President Ronald Reagan cultivated with Prime Ministers Yasuhiro Nakasone and Noboru Takeshita.

Kaifu told the Press Club that during their tour of the White House, Bush, "knowing that I like polka dot ties, went to his closet and picked a necktie out of his tie rack and gave it to me."

Iran offers formula to Japan

Fresh move to resolve stalled joint project

TEHRAN, Sept. 2. (Agencies): Iran has agreed to accept a Japanese offer regarding the abandoned multi-billion dollar Bandar Khomeini petrochemical complex provided Tehran is paid \$1.5 billion by way of compensation.

The fate of the joint Iranian-Japanese petrochemical complex may, therefore, be determined shortly. The Japanese side has said it wishes to make a "friendly settlement."

Ahmad Rahgozar, deputy petroleum minister and managing director of the National Iranian Petrochemical Company said in an interview published here yesterday that Iran signed a \$350 million contract in 1971 with five Japanese companies led by Mitsui for the erection of a petrochemical complex for producing rubber, plastics and other chemical materials.

The Japanese party did not start work until 1976 when Mitsui and four other companies formed a consortium and completed about 85 per cent of the executive affairs of the project within 18 months, but work stopped after the overthrow of the Shah regime in 1979, he said.

Operations were resumed, but halted again after the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war in September 1980.

The Japanese side, which shares 50 per cent of the venture, has turned down Iran's requests after the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq in August 1988, to complete the project.

Rahgozar said the present volume of investment on the project was 750 billion yen (about \$5.2 billion), but in view of the changing yen and dollar rate, the volume had jumped tenfold over the past 18 years.

This hike, he noted, had made Iran increase its investment by getting loans. He said Iran had raised its investment by receiving 200 billion yen (\$1.38 billion) in loans from European banks.

But after the Iranian revolution and in accordance with the "Algiers accord," Iran was forced to pay back the loans individually when Japan should have paid half of the liability, he said.

Rahgozar said the present volume of investment on the project was 750 billion yen (about \$5.2 billion), but in view of the changing yen and dollar rate, the volume had jumped tenfold over the past 18 years.

Yuan was quoted as saying the move was necessary to relieve "extreme difficulties" in a transport system where run-down facilities threatened safety.

"Not only do (transport systems) lack the ability to accumulate funds and develop. They also lack the ability to support basic replacement production so that equipment deteriorates day by day and safety is endangered," the newspaper said.

Exasperation with inflation throughout China was one of several causes of massive anti-government protests that were crushed by the Army on June 4 with many deaths.

Since then, China's leaders have championed stable prices as their top economic priority and lambasted former Communist Party chief Zhao

Account surplus dips

TOKYO, Sept. 2. (AP): Japan yesterday laid out a red carpet of good news for US officials about to arrive for economic talks: its current account surplus shrank substantially in July, imports jumped and exports were anemic.

Car and steel exports were down, while computer and business machine imports were up.

Japan's current account surplus dropped 18.3 per cent in July on a year-to-year basis to \$5.308 billion, the Finance Ministry announced yesterday.

The decline marked the fifth-straight month of improvement in Japan's current account surplus, the broadest measure of trade and financial flows.

Japan's world-wide trade surplus declined nearly 20 per cent to \$6.966 billion in July from a year earlier, the ministry said.

"We consider this a very good trend, especially when trade tensions with the US appear to be flaring up again," said a ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Government officials hope the recent trend will help Japan repeat last year's performance, when it cut its current account surplus 8.7 per cent to \$79.488 billion.

American and Japanese officials will meet Monday and Tuesday to discuss "structural" ways to reduce its budget deficit, which economists say fuels its trade deficit.

US officials may ask Japan to stimulate its domestic economy to increase imports and encourage its people to spend rather than save.

They want Japan to speed up the trend started three years ago. Since 1986, imports have grown faster than exports. Domestic consumption has been the main engine of Japan's growth, while sluggish exports have actually been a drag on the economy.

Yesterday's figures show that in July a booming economy at home continued to drive Japan's growth, while exports lagged. Japan's imports jumped to \$16.031 billion, 13.5 per cent higher than in July of last year.

Imports of computers, business machines, and textile products were strong, ministry officials said.

Exports inched up only 0.3 per cent to \$22.997 billion on a year-to-year basis.

Exports of cars declined 5.3 per cent and steel declined 3.7 per cent last year.

He said Iran had sustained great losses in the project at various stages and the war had caused only part of the loss. The rest was due to the Japanese side's negligence in carrying out its undertakings on time.

On the results of the negotiations over the past year, he said Iran had asked the Japanese partner to clarify its final stand on the project. After some time, and on the basis of advice given by their experts, the Japanese announced that the project could not be continued.

"But we believe the project could be continued properly just

like our other petrochemical complexes and projects, in case the Japanese side did not make obstructions," he said.

Therefore, he went on to say, Iran asked Japan to find a solution to the problem as "we believe the complex can be utilised with regard to the technological capability of our country and also (by using) the facilities of other countries as most parts can be repaired."

He said the Japanese side had asked for a friendly settlement, and equal division of all investments and debts.

"We officially accepted the proposal four months ago, while

at the same time taking into consideration our national interests," he said.

Headed that Iran's claim was clear: "First we had a claim of \$1 billion from the Japanese party."

This money has been spent so far by Iran on infrastructural investments like construction of gas pipelines, feeding pipelines to the complex, and other side units

beside Ahvaz and the marooned wells, outside the framework of the contract. Iran believed that at least 50 per cent of this amount should have been paid by the opposite party.

"Secondly, according to the initial contract, Japan had undertaken to take care of the marketing of the project's products for export but with respect to the Japanese decision to cancel the contract, Iran was practically unable to carry out the marketing and, therefore, Japan should pay \$1 billion in damages to Iran for this purpose."

Thirdly, Japan is responsible for the year-long postponement of operations after the ceasefire which has also inflicted some losses on Iran."

Rahgozar said, however, that Iran had overlooked all these claims and despite being sure that legal authorities would vote in favour of Iran, "we do not intend to take these cases to the court because we have accepted the friendly settlement."

But he said there were some other disputes with the Japanese party outside the judicial and legal framework, according to which Japan should pay \$1.5 billion to Iran as follows:

■ A payment of 50 per cent of the 200 billion yen in loans Iran received from European banks.

The loan was repaid completely by Iran after the "Algiers accord," but according to the concluded agreement the Japanese side had accepted 100 billion of it.

■ The expenses Iran had to tolerate due to the halting of the project during the war and due to the failure of the Japanese side in carrying out its obligations, such as maintenance and payment to personnel on the project. Half of the expenses should be paid by the Japanese side.

■ Personal income as expected rose 0.7 per cent in July following increases of 0.5 per cent and 0.2 per cent in June and May respectively.

Personal consumption also increased 0.7 per cent in July as forecast compared with rises of 0.2 per cent in June and 0.5 per cent in May.

Factory orders fell a much greater than anticipated 1.7 per cent in July following a 0.6 per cent rise in June and a 2.6 per cent decline in May.

Factory shipments also fell a greater than expected 1.9 per cent in July after a 0.8 per cent fall in June and a 0.4 per cent decline in May.

Non farm payroll in August was a much higher than forecast 110,000 and this excluded 108,000 striking workers. This compares with a figure of 184,000 in July.

Leading indicators rose 0.2 per cent in July, were unchanged in June and fell 1.3 per cent in May. The market were anticipating a 0.3 per cent increase.

The strong rise in gross national product between April and June provided further evidence of the longest peacetime expansion on record. The economy has grown at a robust 3.2 per cent so far this year with home sales jumping 14.4 per cent, the largest monthly increase for nearly three years.

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Flassik's altruistic activities

THE officers and members of the board of Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait with the generous support of the Filipino community and their friends have been actively involved in welfare projects for the upliftment of distressed Filipino workers in Kuwait.

Two very special projects were the presentation of the funds to the family of the late Maria Lani Oronan, a Filipino domestic helper who died of injuries from her employer. Flassik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias announced that Flassik treasurer Arceli Ruiz travelled all the way to Pili, Camarines Sur, Philippines to meet with Vicente Oronan, husband of the deceased and their four year old daughter. Ruiz, who was on annual leave as an operating room nurse at the Chest Diseases Hospital, took the 12 hour bus ride to Bicol province and traveled the Oronan family after another 5 kilometre travel by dirt road to the family's farm house. Maria Lani's husband, her parents

and members of the family expressed their heartfelt thanks to Flassik and the Filipino community for their kindness and generosity. It should be remembered that while Maria Lani was fighting for her life at the Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital, Flassik officers led by its president regularly visited her at the intensive care unit where she was confined for more than a month. Flassik also thanks the staff and personnel of Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital ICU for the excellent care they gave to this suffering Filipino.

Meanwhile, Virginia Noora, a Filipino patient admitted at the Psychological Medicine Hospital and transferred to Sulabiya central prison after treatment will be repatriated back to the Philippines soon. Attorney Loi Cortel, legal officer of the Philippine embassy has been judiciously following up the case of Miss Noora. The personal attention of Consul General Olivia Palala, Bert Marini and Andy

Santos assured the sick Ms. Noora special consideration due to her illness. Flassik visited her while she was under treatment in the hospital and Ms. Covarrubias was in touch with her family in Manila assuring them of the Filipino community's care of Ms. Noora.

The resources of the Filipino community will again be tapped by Flassik as soon as the legal proceedings against Ms. Gloria Esteron, confined at the forensic ward of the Psychiatric Hospital is over. Ms. Esteron has been in confinement since August 1987. Attorney Loi Cortel, Dr Hamdi Jarim and Flassik are co-ordinating efforts to assist in the repatriation of Ms. Esteron.

All Flassik friends are invited to await the result of Flassik's Voice of the 90's contest held last Friday at the Meridian Hotel. Full coverage will be published on next Sunday's issue of the Arab Times' Filipino Digest.



Fiesta Filipiana '89

The Filipino Cultural Club will host the "Fiesta Filipiana '89" on Friday, Sept 8, at the Al Jahra Ball room of the Meridian hotel under the Philippines embassy in Kuwait.



Tolito: the director of Fiesta Filipiana '89.

CINEMA TODAY

Andalus
Lost Idol
Salmiya
Hall Reserved
Al Hamra
Arabic film: Al Mushaghbiat
Fi Khatar
Drive-In
Arabic film: Al Mawled
Firdous
Johnny I love you
Fahsheel Open
Toofan

Fahsheel
The Annihilators
Jabra
Balidaan
Granada
Kaal Chakra
Sulabikhat
Blue Beard
Al Juleb
Moonam Pakkam
Ahmadi Drive-In
Bruce Li in New Guinea

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Good morning
9.30 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Daily Arabic serial - Aser Al Hob
11.00 News in Brief
11.15 Daily local serial - Al Danah. Starring: Hayat Al Fahd
12.00 News in Brief
12.15 That's Incredible
1.00 News in Brief
1.05 World Today via Satellite
1.30 Cartoon serial
2.00 Songs
2.15 Daily Arabic serial - Al Hejra Ela Al Watan
3.15 Religious programme
3.35 Cartoons serial
4.00 Cartoons
4.30 Arabic film: Dukhan Bela Nar. Starring: Eiman Al Tokhi
6.30 Public announcements
7.30 Health magazine
8.15 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nabat
9.00 News in Arabic
9.45 Daily Arabic serial - Ana Wa Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Meshmesh
10.30 Local variety programme
11.45 News in Brief
11.50 World Today via Satellite and Closedown

6.30 Sea Hunt: "The Sea Hunt's Been Stolen." "Dick" and "Ed" attempt to mislead Dr Mike in order to steal all information he gathered and collected...

7.00 The Day The Universe Changed: "The Way We Are." We are the product of our knowledge and our understanding of the world is constantly being modified by innovation and discovery.

8.00 News in English
8.30 Flying Doctors: "Give A Dog A Bad Name." A man and his wife arrive on the occasion of the annual carnival used to be held in the town. Suddenly his wife feels sick and the flying doctors have to find the cause of her sickness...

9.30 Super Sense - Sixth Sense: This sense is clearly noticed in animals and birds and widely used by such creatures. How certain animals can foretell and sense earthquakes and natural calamities before time...

10.00 Kate and Allie: Kate is involved in the employment of her friend Allie where she has to keep watching her...

10.30 Bestseller: "The Four Minutes Mile" (Part II). The pressures the athletes were subjected to. The fever of nationalism and the precarious balance between success and failure.

12.00 News in Brief
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Car Bears: A cartoon series for children

Hong Kong trade fair

OWING to being a regional centre and an access to Asia, Hong Kong started to play a remarkable role in the international markets. It began to attract more and more international firms. Earlier this year and under the supervision of Hong Kong Trade Development Council, two international fairs were held, one for toys and the other for fashions. The results were encouraging. Last year 950 companies participated but this year 2000 firms are expected to take part in the international fair especially from America and Europe.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Istiqal Pharmacy
Safat Square
Al Hakeem Pharmacy
Jaber Al Mubarak Street, Sharq.
Nugra and Hawalli
Al Ikhlas Pharmacy
Nugra, Beirut Street, Opp. to Al Andalus Cinema
Salmiya and Rumathliya
Ebin Al Nafes Pharmacy
Hamad Al Mubarak Street, Hmoud Khalifa Al Hamidi Building
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Wafa Pharmacy
Fahsheel, Al Dabous Street, Qaysrat Al Dabous
Farwaniya
Al Munawwar Pharmacy
Farwaniya, Southern Souq Street
Jahra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Jahra, Opposite to Jahra Co-operative Society

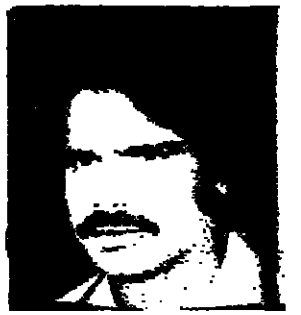
PRAYERS

Fajr	4.04 am
Zuhr	11.47
Asr	3.26 pm
Maghreb	6.08
Isha	7.27

WANTED

Persons M. or F. to work in design and art work. Training will be provided.
Tel. 2414314-2428576

DEATH



Antonio Piedade Pereira
Tombol, Samarang-Carcaran, 602
Born 2/4/1942
Died 31/8/1989, Kuwait
Funeral services will be held at Holy Family Cathedral, Kuwait on Monday, September 4, 1989.
Interred by sorrowful wife
Mariam F.R. Pereira & children
For details contact
Tel: 2558213

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Sat - Wed: 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.
Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes: rare Islamic artefacts, Qur'anic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.
Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.
Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Indian food festival
RAMADA Al Salam is organising an Indian food festival from Sunday Sept 3 till Thursday Sept 7, 1989. Big variety of delicious Indian dishes and sweets, this is beside the authentic Indian atmosphere tailored to match the occasion. Time: from 7 pm up to midnight. Place: El Bender Coffee Shop.
Onam celebration
SEPT 14: It has been proposed to celebrate the Onam Festival at Indian Arts Circle. A committee is formed with Dr K.T.B. Menon and M. Mathews as the patrons. The programme will start at 7 pm with cultural programmes and will be followed by a fabulous traditional Onam Sadhya. Passes will be available with KC Eapen. Tel: 2405100 (Off) 5339425 (Res) C.T. Kuruvilla, 4745628 (Off) 5638602 (Res), Madhu. Tel: 5638762 (Res) or at IAC office 3904817.

Syndicate live
SEPT 15: In a rare spirit of camaraderie, two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, the Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will jointly host 'Syndicate Live', a musical extravaganza, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, featuring Goa's one and only, The Syndicate, with Kuwait's Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones with a host of local artists. Watch out for bookings plans.

Kalpak exhibition
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone No: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Melody Night '89
AN evening of popular Indian music by local stars from 6.30 pm to 10 pm on Friday 8th Sept '89, at the Sharq Co-op. Society Hall. For details contact Tel: 5640389 between 3.00 pm and 10.00 pm or Al Bahar Video, Tel: 5615730.

Kapilku Tailoring Class
The tailoring class is one of the free classes offered by the Kapilku, Filipino, ss. Kuwait (Kapilku) to all bonafide Filipino members and will begin on Friday, Sept 22 at Far East Restaurant at 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. This self-improvement course is one of the many projects by Kapilku this year.

The tailoring course will run every Friday from Sept 22 till Oct 3. All successful participants will receive certificate from the organisers.
MATERIALS: All materials for the course will be given free to all participants, like cloth, scissors, L and curved ruler, tape measure, thread, needles and others.
The instructors for the tailoring course are: Eliezer E. Antolin and Bayani Trinidad. Both are experts in their own rights as master cutter and worked in one of the leading tailoring shops in Metro Manila. The course will cover master cutting, short and long pants, short sleeves and long shirt and Barong Tagalog. Executive suits will also be covered in the course.

Kapilku President Manny Insento sees that this course will be more interesting to all the members as previous classes like hair beauty class, baking and cooking classes and hotel and restaurant operations class were a great success.
Vice-president for welfare and special projects Ojie Olor is the chairman of the said project and vice-chairman are Bayani Trinidad and Eliezer Antolin.
REGISTRATION: The registration for the tailoring class will start today and may contact vice-president Sarah Macarimbang on telephone number 4843447. This will be on first come basis.
The class is being sponsored by Adnan Khalil, general manager of Far East Restaurant Co.

Filchess chess
SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filchess) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament".

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

Breeze '89
OCT 26: Timv Centre's - Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening, organised in commemoration of village festival.

Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casmin or Mario on Tel. No. 2441360/67 after 3.30 pm.

British Council
THE British Council presents "Briefing on Britain" a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? How can you make the best of your stay? In complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel. 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

Star Nite
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dir' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

D'Assisi Association
OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

Konkani drama
NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintnam Zalim Sopnam" at the IAC (Fumaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jacinio Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

HOTELS

At the Pullman Hotel
AL Shalla coffee shop: Offers daily businessmen's lunch 'a tour d'un plat' at a reasonable price. Serves Arabic and international dishes. Live music nightly from 7.30 pm.

Les Elysees Restaurant: Experience the ambience of French seating and meticulous service while savouring authentic French food offered on our "menu degustation," a four course meal served with a touch of nouvelle cuisine. For reservations, call: 5634200

At the SAS hotel
AL GHAZEER: SAS hotel's very own handicraft show. Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackle provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 416.

AL BOOM: Dine on charcoal grilled foods and finish off with della coffee. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursdays and Friday and for

reservation call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

PEACOCK ROOM: Chinese specialties served in a very cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

EEDAM: Wide varieties of delectable home-made goodies, freshly baked items to choose from. Eedam daily specials also available.
CLOCK: Only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait. Serves wide selections of fast food including our very own specialties.

At the Holiday Inn
AT the Coffee Shop: A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5.000 per pax and half price for children.
AL ANDALUS: Thursday - Arabian night. Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provide wonderful music.

FAMILY BRUNCH: Calling all kids... we have a great party every Friday. It's our Friday brunch party and everyone is invited. Come and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters plus magic, magic... by the great magician. Prizes and surprises awaits each kid. Price: KD5.000 for adults and half the price for children.
AT THE SWIMMING POOL: From 8.30 pm spend a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbeque - music - games - prizes and surprises plus our delicious and yummy, Shahrab barbeque. Come along and join the fun. At only KD5.500 per person and KD2.750 for children.

At the Kuwait International LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.
Falaka: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbeque event every Friday afternoon.
La Palisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

At the Kuwait Plaza hotel
SPECIAL breakfast: Al-Dallah coffee shop features the breakfast you like most. Full buffet of all kind of delicious dishes to be savoured by you. Eat as much as you can and whatever dish you fancy for only KD5.995 only.

Special lunch and dinner: Also at Al Dallah coffee shop the buffet for lunch and dinner full of varieties of continental, oriental and Arabic food with

Plaza special touch plus delectable sweets and fruits of the season. All these and more for only KD2.995.

Roman nights: The Italian restaurant in the heart of Kuwait takes you to the heart of Rome. Enjoy our exotic Italian specialties and our wide variety of Italian dishes with the music of our resident duo Stan and Alice.

At the Messiah Beach
AL MUBARAKIAH: The only 24-hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialties with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.
Al Jawharah Super Night Club: Live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.
Al Berdowneh beach garden restaurant open daily Sunday-Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese mezze, freshly baked markouk bread and hubble bubble.

FILM

British Council
CHILDRENS film: The Little Prince-For the Love of Animals on Wednesday, Aug 30 at 6.00 pm and Thursday, Aug 31 at 10.30 pm.
An enchanting animated adaptation of the classical tale by Antoine de Saint Exupery. Join the little prince as he catches a flaming comet for a ride down to his favourite planet earth! (running time 50 mins)
Admission is free, but it is advisable to book seats in advance. Tel: 2515512-2533204/2533227.

SPORTS

IAC badminton
SEPT 7, Indian Arts Circle (IAC) will organise a badminton tournament open to all Indians in Kuwait. All those wishing to participate are requested to contact the organising committee for further

information and entry forms: Contact IAC office Tel. 3904817 (6.30 to 10.30 pm); P.K. Koshy, Tel: 3985278 or 3913076; Vijay Sharma, Tel. 2401534 or 2644863; Philip Cherian, Tel. 4741946 or 4330041. The last date for entry is Sept 2.

Unity Thursday League
TEAMS wishing to play in the Unity Thursday League at Ahmadi are kindly requested to contact Abdullah Mohammed (Tel: 39895456) or Deniz Meneses (Tel: 3989671) after 4.30 pm for more details. Closing date for entries on Sept 10.

Ahmadi kart racing
NEW season starts Sept 29, 1989. Pre-season meeting for all drivers, helpers, etc, at the Ahmadi track clubhouse on Tuesday, Sept 1989 at 8.00 pm. People interested in participating as drivers or helpers welcome to attend. Please contact Mike Snell on 2441505, 2426997 or 9013541 for further information.

Holiday Inn health club and recreation centre
SWIMMING lessons available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non-members. Sundays-Tuesdays-Thursdays 4-6 pm. Mens keep fit classes, Sundays and Tuesdays 6-7 pm. Ladies keep fit Sat and Tuesday 6-7 pm. Bowling alley available for private company and community tournaments. Sundays squash handicap tournament - all standards, open to non-members. Squash coaching available from two champion professional squash instructors. Learn the martial art with Black Belt instructor - Wednesdays and Mondays (6.30 to 7.30 pm) mixed classes. Open to non-members.
Additional facilities are also available under the supervision of selected professionals: weight loss, body building, massage (steam - oil - cream) for ladies and men.
Contact the recreation department Tel. No. 4742000 Ext. 6788 or 6700.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0600 Newswatch
30 Composer of the Month (ex 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream)
0100 News Summary (ex 23rd) followed by Play of the Week, 2nd and 9th Body and Soul; 16th A Pair of Spectacles; 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream
0200 World News
0900 British Press Review
15 The Girl in His Past (ex 2nd The Picture of Dorian Gray)
30 The Ken Bruce Show
0300 World News
09 News About Britain
15 From Our Own Correspondent
30 Screenplay
0400 Newswatch
30 Sing Gospel
45 Worldbrief
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

Summary
30 Financial Review
40 Words of Faith
45 Letter from America
0600 Newswatch
30 Jazz for the Asking
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From Our Own Correspondent
45 Book Choice
50 Waveguide
0900 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 The Pleasure's Yours

Urdu

1901 Opening
1910 Behereen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Ek Khayal Ek Geet
2000 News
2030 Songs
2040 Geet Kahani
2100 Closedown

SNIPPETS

Double death: A police sergeant and an alleged military informer were shot dead in two separate shooting incidents in Binalbagan and Cauayan in Southern Negros Occidental.

Reports released by the office of Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police (PC-INP) provincial commander Lt Col Miguel G. Coronel identified the slain policeman as Sgt. Salvador Dalupen of Binalbagan.

The "salvaged" informer was Eliseo Cogonan, 40, married, of Sitio Bayabas, Barangay Man Oling, Cauayan.

Reports said Sgt. Dalupen, chief operation officer of Binalbagan police station who returned Monday after a 15-day vacation leave, was allegedly shot by his assistant chief operations officer, Sgt. Eduardo Escubia, for still unknown reason.

Station commander Captain Elmo Caaya and jail guard Pat. Michael Vinco were quoted in the report saying Dalupen sustained a bullet wound in the neck shot at close range. He died on the spot.

The report added that Sgt. Escubia remains at large after fleeing the town.

Policemen are further investigating.

In another report received by the provincial PC-INP headquarters here said Cogonan was suspected by five fully-armed rebels as a military informer.

Padlocked: Eight Cement stores in Quezon City were padlocked for overpricing.

These were the Dragon enterprises along Quirino Ave., Wilvic on Kamias St., Santolan Trading in Cubao, Pascual Lumber and Construction Supply along Tandang Sora Ave., balintawak General Merchandising, and Noel Sons and Cannon Construction Supply both along A. del Monte Ave., and Woodfactor and WCA Lumber, both along Don Mariano Marces Ave.

Closure orders against the stores were issued by the Department of Trade and Industry after price monitoring teams found them violating Letter of Instruction 1359 which penalizes hoarding, profiteering and price manipulation of prime commodities.

Cement, considered a prime commodity in the wake of a construction boom is sold for as much as P80 per bag or at least P15 higher than its market price.

The monitoring team headed by Quezon City's economic board chairman Mel Festejos was created by an agreement between the Department of Trade and Industry, the Municipal Mayors League and the City Mayors League of the Philippines.

Under the accord, the 60-member of League of Cities headed by Quezon City Mayor Brigidio Simon Jr. and the 1,332 municipal mayors would mobilize the country's 42,000 barangays as monitoring teams against unscrupulous traders.

Simon said galunggong costs only P17 at the Navotas fish port but is sold at P40 in the market.

Marijuana uprooted: Marijuana plants with an estimated street value of P500,000 were uprooted by the military in Sitio Pangpang, Barangay Gaas, Balamaban.

The full-grown plants were found in the reputedly rebel-infiltrated barangay along the Balamaban Cebu City border, the military said.

Lt Col Enrique Cuadra, Cebu Constabulary commander, said the uprooted plants were to be burned in Balamaban town yesterday.

Members of the raiding party said owners of the plantation eluded arrest.

Killed over wallet: For refusing to give her wallet, a woman was stabbed to death by two holdup men near her house in Balintawak, Quezon City.

Socorro Tenorio, 45, of Bonifacio Drive, Barangay Apolonio Samson died on the spot with a stab wound in the chest, police said.

Witnesses said Tenorio was walking on Bonifacio Ave. On her way to the Cloverleaf market when two men accosted her and demanded her wallet.

When she refused, she was stabbed, witnesses told Lt. Fluto Casayuran, homicide chief.

Relative murder: A former PC soldier was stabbed to death by his brother-in-law in Valenzuela.

Domingo Recinto, 32, of San Juan, Batangas died instantly from multiple stab wounds in different parts of the body.

The suspect, identified as Eleodoro Uafarina, 30, reportedly suffering from a mental illness, was arrested in friend's house in Cainta, Rizal at about 11 am also yesterday.

Police investigator Pfc. Redentor Bote said Recinto, his wife and their children were sleeping in his in-law's house on Urrutia St. in Arkong Bato, Valenzuela when Uafarina barged in at 1:25 am.

Uafarina stared at the former soldier and then stabbed him repeatedly, Recinto's wife told police.

Soldier killed: A Constabulary soldier was killed in a raid by about 10 New People's Army (NPA) guerrillas on a para-military detachment in Barangay Guisguis, Sta. Cruz, Zambales.

Soldiers and militiamen manning the detachment engaged the rebels in a 20-minute gunbattle. At least four rebels were believed wounded or possibly killed in the gunfight.

Some barangay residents said they saw the rebels carrying at least four of their wounded comrades.

Sailor drowns: A US Navy enlisted personnel drowned while he was swimming in the Subic Bay, it was announced.

Petty Officer David J. Walker, 32, from Mountain View, California was dead on arrival Sunday at a hospital in Subic Bay naval base, said US Navy spokesman Cmdr. Kevin Mukri.

Walker, assigned to the Naval Magazine, is survived by a Filipina wife, Mukri said.

The case is under investigation, and no other details were available, Mukri said.

Killed by six: A former was killed when he fought with six men in a restaurant in Barangay San Juan, San Ildefonso, Bulacan.

Ildefonso Manulac, 34, of Barangay Paniqui, Candaba Pampanga, died on the spot from nine stab wounds in the chest, neck, stomach and shoulders.

One of men Manulac had fought with, Servillano Venuya, a farmer from Barangay Mapanique, Candaba, was wounded.

Police arrested Bernal Soliman, Andao Panuco, Prudencio Mangalastas, Fernando Sungu and Bering Mangili, all of Barangay Mapanique, Candaba for questioning.

Mother murdered, lover responsible: A man engaged in the marble business was arrested by police after a note found beside the body of a young woman murdered said he ordered the killing.

Francisco Amado, 41, owner of FCA Marble Trading, however denied involvement in the killing of his secretary Corazon Dizon, 21, said homicide chief Lt. Fluto Casayuran.

Casayuran said during intense investigation Amado admitted he and Dizon were lovers and that four-month-old Jelly, found near the dead woman is their daughter.

Dizon was found dead in her rented room in Barangay Murphy, Quezon City. Jelly was spared, police said.

Police said Amado claimed he discovered the body of Dizon.

Dizon, hogtied and gagged with diaper, had a deep cut in the head and a gunshot wound in the back.

Beside Dizon's body was a folded paper which said, "Pinapataya ka ni Boy Amado," police said.

Neighbours saw two men arrive. The men stayed in Dizon's room for about one hour, they added.

Amado was brought to the PC crime laboratory in Camp Crame for a polygraphic test.

Police had also taken fingerprints from the recovered letter and the crime scene.

HATID LIGAYA
(Philippines door to door service) welcome the arrival of Ms. **THELMA AMADOR SANIEL**, Finance Attache of the Philippine Embassy and an official representative of Landbank, Philippines.

Aid to Samar diverted by DSWD gang

A SYNDICATE in the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) said to be diverting relief goods intended for famine victims in Samar has been uncovered and officials promised to apply the full force of the law to prosecute them.

Social Welfare Undersecretary Corazon Alma de Leon left for Samar to oversee the relief work there for hundreds of starving residents, mostly in Northern and Eastern Samar provinces.

Last week, Cagayan Mayor Eduardo de la Cruz uncovered the syndicate which he said was diverting relief goods donated by foreign countries and selling them in the black market at low prices.

Social Welfare provincial officer Carmen Mejia denied the report, saying she has passed an inventory conducted by her office. Mejia, however, admitted that some officials under her are being investigated on the charge of diverting relief goods intended for disaster victims in Samar.

Social Welfare Secretary Mita Pardo de Tavera said the matter is being investigated and she has ordered Undersecretary Leticia A. Moises to report on it soon.

"We will apply the full force of the law to prosecute those responsible. That's the worst thing that can happen to the poor in Samar, to be robbed of relief goods intended for them," Tavera said.

Tavera, who is also Cabinet officer for regional development (CORD) in Leyte and Samar, said the region has been given the highest priority in the delivery of programmes and services.

Martina Mercado DSWD regional director for Eastern Visayas, said the department has given more than P8 million in relief to 348,598 disaster victims in the three Samar provinces.

"There has been no letup in the provision of social services to needy families in Samar," said Tavera in reaction to the INQUIRER's five-part series on widespread starvation on the island.

Tavera also cited the difficulty faced by relief workers in reaching remote areas in Samar because of impassable roads and bridges.

Meanwhile, all the 11 congressmen in the three Samar provinces pledged to continue "knocking on the doors" of the national government until they get what is due for Samar.

"The poverty level in Samar is really high. I hope,

after so many years of neglect, Samaranos are hopeful they could get attention and aid that is in dire need there," Rep. Raul Daza (LP, Northern Samar) said.

Daza said the problems in Samar are a combination of poverty borne out of a bad economic situa-

tion where there is no development and industrialization and an insurgency fueled by widespread poverty among the people.

"Widespread misery, poverty, and massive depredation of natural resources which have stalked Samar for so long are indeed approaching catastrophic proportions and must be immediately and squarely addressed," said Rep. Venancio Garduce (LDP, Samar).

Garduce urged Samaranos not to rely on a government that has closer ties with those who have caused these problems than with the majority who are the victims.

The congressman was understood to be referring to politicians in Samar close to President Aquino who were not doing anything about the plight of their poor people.

Close kin and political wards of former NFA Administrator Emil Ong, who is presidential adviser for regional affairs (PARA), are being denounced in the three Samar provinces for alleged corrupt practices.

This is the reason for the apparent distrust of Samaranos of the government and the fact that they are now welcoming the services offered by various non-governmental organizations (NGOs), observers said.

"I urge the various NGOs and other people's organizations in Samar to forge a vision of progress and sustainable development for Samar and hope that they will not merely rehabilitate, but more importantly, bring dignity to the lives of hundreds of thousands of Samaranos," Garduce said in a statement.

He said millions of poor Filipinos should learn a lesson from the present crisis in Samar and work together to free themselves from the chronic misery that has beset them for years.

In another development, the Samar Alliance, one of the NGOs composed of Samaranos, has launched a Food-for-Samar Campaign for its starving residents.



Starving children die slowly and painfully.

Flour cartel raking in dough

EIGHT milling firms have been operating as a cartel manipulating supply and prices of flour at least during the last seven years, according to two Senate committees.

In a joint report, the Senate committees on trade and commerce and agriculture and food, headed by Senators Agapito Aquino and Sotero Laurel, respectively, said the operations of the firms belonging to the Philippine Association of Flour Millers, Inc. (PAFAMIL) have resulted in uncontrolled increases in the price of flour.

"Members of PAFAMIL have continued to reap a bonanza in sale and profits since 1982 due to rising flour prices on decreasing flour output despite consistent declines in world wheat prices since 1981," the report said.

The country's political and economic problems from 1983 to 1986 enabled PAFAMIL to realize windfall profits, it added.

The two committees conducted an inquiry

into the millers' cartel after an expose made by Sen Ernesto Maceda during the first regular session of Congress.

The report said PAFAMIL members cooperated and coordinated boosting prices. PAFAMIL's exerts a strong influence on flour prices because it controls the importation, milling and distribution of the product.

To reduce PAFAMIL's control over flour supply and prices, the committees recommended the creation of a Flour Regulation Board which shall regulate the importation of wheat, among other things.

In the meantime, the committees said, the National Food Authority should closely monitor wheat imports, flour production and distribution, and flour prices in both the domestic and international markets.

The committees also recommended that flour their efforts in controlling and predeter-

mining the amounts of wheat to be imported and allocating the imports among its members.

Through such means, it said, PAFAMIL was able to keep wheat imports below their milling capacity for the purpose of limiting flour supply and prices be rolled back and that PAFAMIL members be required to mill wheat up to their full capacity.

The ad valorem tax rate on flour imports should be reduced to 10 per cent and freight charges should be excluded in the determination of the home consumption value (HCV) to further bring down prices, they said.

However, the committees said it would not be advisable to return to the NFA the authority to import wheat.

They also said the decision to grow wheat in the country should be left to the private sector without government intervention in terms of incentives and disincentives.

Meagre pay hike shows protests

By Nimfa Rueda

THOUSANDS of public school teachers started a three-day work slowdown to protest President Aquino's signing of the Salary Standardization Act which, they said, pegged their monthly pay below poverty level.

Some 500 of these protesting teachers also gave the president and four other government officials "failing grades" in a mock report card they presented in a rally at the Liwasan Bonifacio in Manila.

The teachers belonging to the Teachers and Employees Consultative Council (TECC), Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) and the Manila Public School Teachers Association (MPSTA) carried placards and banners denouncing the law signed by the President.

"We have nothing to be happy about. The law would peg our salaries below the poverty line in the pay scale in the years to come," said TECC spokesman Eric Torres, who wore a black armband during the protest rally.

In a two-hour programme on a makeshift stage, Torres held up a giant report card with assessed the performance of Ms. Aquino, two of her cabinet officials and four legislators, all of whom the teachers "hold responsible for the enactment of the law."

The government officials rated by the teachers were Senators Alberto Romulo and Orlando Mercado, Budget Secretary Guillermo Carague, Education Secretary Lourdes Quisumbing, Speaker Ramon V. Mitra and Rep. Rolando

Andaya.

Except for Romulo and Mercado, the teachers gave the officials failing grades in Math, Values Education, Economics and Social Studies.

Torres said they gave the lowest grade — 44 per cent — to Carague for his computation of the government budget for the adjustment of teachers' salaries.

The highest grade — 78 — was given to Romulo, who proposed a P4,215-minimum monthly pay for teachers. Mercado was also given a passing grade of 77.

Andaya, chairman of the House committee on appropriations, was given a failing grade of 68 while Mitra got 59.

Ms. Aquino was given 62 while Quisumbing got 68.

Protest leaders said their work slowdown also marks the start of

their campaign to support moves in Congress to reduce foreign debt servicing.

They said they have official time to hold discussions on the plight of teachers and the country's economic and political problems.

The teachers originally demanded a starting pay of P4,500. They later battled for P4,215 as proposed by the Senate panel in the congressional conference committee. But the committee set teachers' minimum monthly pay at P3,102 as it gave government workers a starting pay of P2,000.

Ms. Aquino has admitted that while the salary increases provided in the law were "substantial," they were not enough to effectively improve the living conditions of public servants.

Sex rumours go to tribunal

A MANILA regional trial court judge, who was accused of immorality by a former court employee, asked the Supreme Court to order an investigation of the allegations that his name can be cleared.

In a petition, Judge Ramon P. Makasiar asked the high tribunal to look into the complaint of Virginia Lim, president of the Court Stenographers and Reporters Association of the Philippines. He said the petition was endorsed by his wife, Nerissa, an employee at the Court of Appeals.

Lim said she was fired from after Makasiar suspected her of spreading "ugly rumours" about him.

Lim, 31, was terminated as temporary court stenographic reporter last April 21 by Justice Meynardo Tiro, Supreme Court Administrator, on Makasiar's recommendation. The judge had accused Lim of inefficiency and abandonment of post.

Lim, who now works as a stenographic trainer at the Supreme Court, said Makasiar's action was "pure harassment."

Makasiar said that he has asked the high tribunal to investigate Lim's allegations so that he and his family can be cleared of any taint of scandal.

In an interview, he confirmed there were "ugly rumours" about him and his family, but said these were untrue.

Makasiar laughed at what he described as preposterous details of the rumours being spread about him.

He said he and his wife are happily married, and they have three children, all of them professionals.

He first worked as a janitor-messenger at the Court of Appeals in 1952, passed the bar in 1961, and was appointed a regional trial court judge in Legaspi City in 1983.

"Why would I destroy my own and my family's name by indulging in it (immorality)? said Makasiar, a nephew of former SC Associate Justice Felix Makasiar.

"Ako ang naha-harass sa kanya (Lim)," he said.



Maceda



Mison

Maceda asks about Mison's PNB shares

By Cynthia D. Balana

CUSTOMS Commissioner Salvador Mison has acquired 7,000 shares of stocks at the Philippine National Bank under favourable terms and not 3,500 as earlier claimed by PNB President Edgardo Espiritu.

This was revealed by Sen. Ernesto Maceda who has been critical of what he described as an "illegal and immoral acquisition of stocks" by PNB officers and directors at a low price of P170 per share.

Mison and his other colleagues at the PNB board had earlier been cleared of "insider trading" or any other wrongdoing by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Maceda said that based on the documents he gathered, Mison's children also go 3,500 shares on top of their father's acquisition.

He said Mison's children namely Salvador Jr., Irene and Siegfried got 1,000 shares each while Mely Gay acquired 500.

President Espiritu was telling only half-truth when he said that Mison got 3,500 shares only, the senator said.

Maceda said Mison, along with other PNB directors should have refrained from buying shares as they have access to information unlike ordinary buyers. This, he said, smacks of "insider trading."

He said Section 7 of the Republic Act 6713 provides that no public officials and employees shall use or divulge confidential or classified information officially known to them by reason of their office and not made available to the public.

The provision, he said, prohibits them to further private interests or give undue advantage to anyone, or prejudice the public interest.

Maceda is also investigating whether the relatives of another PNB director, PAL president Dante Santos, also availed of the shares because several persons carrying his surnames also appeared in the masterlist of the 25,000 individuals and corporations who bought PNB shares.

He also questioned PNB's rejection of the application of small investors to buy shares.



QUIAPO SHOOTING: The body of slain jeepney driver Marcelo Ortiz, 47, lies sprawled on Quezon boulevard in Quiapo where he was shot four times by an irate passenger; a soldier identified as Sgt. Jesus Eriol. Witnesses said Eriol punched Ortiz after he refused to stop the jeepney as he asked. Ortiz then hit the soldier with a steel bar, prompting him to draw his gun.

Oil prices threatened to rise again

THE government will have to raise the price of oil products by P1 per liter in December if other revenue sources cannot be found to replenish a projected P7 billion deficit in the Oil Price Stabilization Fund (OPSF), Sen. John Osmena said.

The increase would even be higher if the peso is devalued this year, he said.

"We need P7 billion to meet its (OPSF) shortfall by Dec 31. If we do not get that amount then definitely a price-increase of P1 is necessary," Osmena told reporters after presiding over a public hearing where Wenceslao de la Paz, Office of Energy Affairs director, testified.

Osmena, chairman of the Senate public services committee, said at the rate the OPSF is being used up, the deficit would increase by another P12 billion next year.

De la Paz earlier said there would be a shortfall of about P7 billion in the OPSF by December since the claims of oil companies are bigger than the contributions to the fund.

The fund was established to stabilize domestic prices of gasoline, diesel and other oil products. Oil companies draw from the fund to cover losses resulting from fluctuations in the international price of crude oil and the foreign exchange rate.

Meanwhile, President Aquino said there was nothing definite about the planned increase of electricity rates by the state-owned National Power Corp. early next year.

"There was no decision to allow NAPOCOR to further increase its rate by 2 centavos per month in January or February 1990 following an increase in oil prices," Aquino said.

NAPOCOR last week announced a 2.5 centavo monthly increase in its rates from September to December this year.

Ernesto Abotiz, NAPOCOR president, told a press conference earlier this week that the firm's foreign creditors

wanted it to maintain a certain level of profitability in exchange for loans being negotiated and this would require another round of price increases in power rates.

During the hearing, De la Paz said the OPSF was short by P1.83 billion as of July. He said the fund would be depleted by P900 million monthly starting August.

He said the recent 25-centavo average increase in the prices of four petroleum products (fuel oil, aviation gas, thinner and asphalt) approved by the government would generate only P100 million monthly for the OPSF.

Osmena said that if the government decides not to raise oil prices by P1,000, the three oil companies would not be able to shoulder operating costs.

"They would be in a tight fix. It would affect their operations," he said.

Osmena also said he would ask the Senate finance committee to summon Budget Secretary Guillermo Carague and find out

if funds to replenish the OPSF could be generated from other sources.

In a related development, several cause-oriented groups said they would march to Malacanang and hold demonstration in key cities today to protest increases in the prices of the four petroleum products.

Other groups, including jeepney drivers and workers organizations, also announced they would go ahead with their plan to stage a Welgung Bayan if the oil prices were not rolled back.

In a statement, the Coalition Against Oil Price Increase (CAOPI) said representatives of 15 organizations would spearhead today's protest demonstrations.

Nick Elman, CAOPI chairman, said the Kilusang Mayo Uno, Labour Advisory Consultative Council and the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Taupar at Operators Nationwide (PISTON) and other cause-oriented groups are joining the protest march and demonstrations.

From the provinces

LEGAZPI CITY: Col Marino Filart, Recon 5 commander, arrived from a visit to Masbate and reported that the tense situation in that province caused by a firefight between the groups of Gov. Emilio Espinosa and former assemblyman Jolly Fernandez has already subsided.

He said that Governor Espinosa has assured him that his men will be restrained from moving about town.

Col Ernesto Maristela, acting provincial commander, said witnesses described that both groups were armed. This was shown by bullet holes in coconut trees at Bitoon beach in Mobo town, Masbate.

Local government regional director Jesus Eninayero said that they were already through with the election of the Association of Barangay Councils when firing began.

The criminal investigation of the case has taken over the investigation of the shooting which resulted in the killing of one follower of Fernandez and the wounding of two others, including the former assemblyman.

Capt Honorato Laurel, chief of the arson section of the Western Police District (WPD), identified the injured victims as Petrocinia Pena, Theresa Dollaga, Concepcion Mendoza, Sharmaine Soriano, and her six-year-old grand daughter Jasmin.

A police report said that the delivery truck, a six-wheeler with plate number NWG-354, was speeding along Lorenzo de la Paz St. near Beata in Pandacan when the chemicals it was carrying exploded. The victims who were all passersby were sprayed with the liquid chemicals.

The unidentified truck driver escaped, police said.

REYES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTRE: The attackers chanced upon Abad at Raon street, shot him three times and fled with his 38 calibre revolver.

KALOOKAN CITY: Mayor Macario Asistio Jr said that public school teachers who were charged with committing fraud in the counting of votes during last local elections have been vindicated by the results of the initial recount of ballots conducted the other day by the Commission on Elections (Comelec).

Asistio said that some public school teachers were accused of fraud by Dr. Antonio Martinez, one of his opponents in the mayoralty elections, in his (Martinez's) protest filed with the Comelec.

The mayor said his lawyers reported that the revision committee of the Comelec found that in Precinct No. 821, Asistio garnered 134 votes as against 15 for Martinez. In Precinct No. 513-A, Asistio got 106 votes as against 35 votes for Martinez. He said that even candidates Del Mundo, Cordero, and Teodoro got more votes than Martinez.

Another strike over Fresh money bond issue set



Banks encouraged to buy Philippine bonds

THE Philippines is to float bonds to draw new money from commercial bank creditors, sources in the foreign banking community said.

The sources said that no definite amount was committed by the bankers during talks in New York early this month between Philippine officials and representatives of the 12-member bank advisory group (BAG) although they estimated that proceeds from the bond issuance could amount to \$1.5 billion.

Manila, sources said, is still insistent that its request of \$1.7 billion in fresh funding be filled up but the bankers said they were not sure if they could provide even a reduced amount.

The BAG is now on a premarketing effort to canvass banks interested to buy the bonds. The exact amount of what is supposed to be the new money to be granted to Manila will be known when they meet in New York on Sept 12.

They said that instead of the usual straight IOU, banks will be encouraged to buy the Philippine bonds.

Each of the 12 BAG members led by Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company was assigned specific banks to convince either to buy the bonds or sell their present debt stock to the Philippines at a 50 per cent discount, or both.

The sources said the bond will have a spread of 13/14 per cent over the London interbank offered rate (Libor). It matures in 15 years, inclusive of an eight-year grace period.

The new money call is an improvement over the previous \$925 million the government borrowed from the banks in 1985 which carried a spread of 14/16 per cent over Libor and a shorter maturity period of 10 years inclusive of a five-year grace period.

The bonds will be immune from future reschedulings and in the computation of the debt base by which new money contributions are computed.

The present arrangement for new money exposure is based on an agreed percentage of a bank's outstanding exposure to a debtor country.

The sources said that what makes the bond attractive to the bankers is their listing in the Luxembourg exchange — the usual market for international bond issues — which would enable them to liquidify their holdings.

As a securitized issue, the discount on the bond will not be as high as that of regular debt notes which currently fetch about 55 cents to the dollar.

Golden Cabs: back to work

STRIKING workers of Golden Taxicab Co. agreed to return to work following management's decision to recognize their union and negotiate a collective bargaining agreement.

Bienvenido Lagusana, chief of the National Conciliation and Mediation Board, signed the agreement on behalf of the Department of Labour and Employment.

The strike — staged by the 1,705-strong Golden Taxicab Employees and Workers Union (GTEWU), an affiliate of the militant Kilusang Mayo Uno — lasted 76 days and left two labour leaders dead.

Two company cabs were burned and two other units are missing.

The strike broke out after management refused to recognize GTEWU as the bargaining agent of the employees. A rival union affiliated with the Philippine Association of Clerical Industrial Workers Union has filed an appeal with the Supreme Court contesting the results of the certification election.

Hermenio Baneco, a company lawyer, said the GTEWU and management start negotiations for a three-year CBA on August 28.

The union had also raised issues on the alleged non-remittance of ss premiums, the drivers being made to pay obligations to accident victims and alleged unfair wages.

Industry observers say the lifting of the strike would ease the transport problem in Metro Manila.

Fernan takes charge

CHIEF Justice Marcelo Fernan brushed aside President Aquino's allegations that the Supreme Court and other courts are largely to blame for the slow dispensation of justice in the country.

"While the judges are willing to resolve the cases early, most of the times there are no available prosecutors," Fernan told a press briefing. He indicated that much of the delay in the judicial system lies with the executive department.

Ms. Aquino, in her State-of-the-Nation address before a joint session of Congress, scored what she described as poor criminal and judicial system in the country. She later placed Justice Secretary Sedfrey Ordano and other top DOJ officials under probation and threatened to dismiss them before the year ends if they fail to speed up the disposition of pending criminal cases and send big-time grafters to jail. She indicated that she expects the judicial branch of the government to also address the problem.

"It is not as bad as many people would like the public to believe," Fernan said on the performance of the high tribunal and its subordinate courts.

Citing various statistics showing that the courts have either resolved or terminated more cases than during the previous years, Fernan said, however, that he is willing to forge an agreement with the justice department to further improve and speed up the delivery of justice in the country.

He was amenable with DOJ's proposal to try civil and criminal cases during weekends and beyond office hours by designating a judge and a fiscal to do the job.

Fernan also disclosed plans to form a trust or insurance fund, which shall be called "judicare," to finance the litigation of criminal cases of suspects who cannot afford soaring fees of a counsel.

Customs men ruling appealed

SOLICITOR General Francisco Chavez asked the Supreme Court to reverse its unprecedented ruling declaring as unconstitutional Customs Commissioner Salvador Mison's dismissal of 310 employees two years ago.

In a 74-page petition, Chavez asked the high tribunal to nullify its Aug 8 resolution directing Mison to reinstate the dismissed employees affected by the reorganization.

In its order, the tribunal also ordered more than a hundred newly-hired Customs employees to vacate their posts "subject to whatever benefits as may be provided by law."

In his petition, Chavez said the high tribunal must reverse its decision to enable the executive department "to eliminate festers" in the government machinery installed during the past regime.

He argued that after the so-called "EDSA Revolution," the people wanted a complete restructuring of the whole government machinery which was embodied in the Freedom Constitution and the transitory provision of the 1987 Charter.

In its ruling, the court said that the reorganization to be credible and effective must be done in good faith and not merely to purge the alleged undesirable in the government in total disregard of the civil service laws.

The court added that its decision shall serve as a guideline for other and future reorganization schemes in other government department and bureaus.

More than 10,000 government employees had been dismissed in accordance with the reorganization in various departments, agencies, and bureaus.

Of the 15 justices, nine upheld the decision penned by Justice Abraham Sarmiento. Five dissented, including Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan. One justice did not take part in the deliberations.



Chavez



Mison

Mison reorganized the bureau in September 1987 which resulted in the dismissal of 394 employees, 270 of whom appealed to the Civil Service Commission for reinstatement. Mison, at the same time, hired more than a hundred new employees to replace the dismissed personnel and to complete the reorganization scheme.

Mison said the reorganization was in line with the provisions of the "Freedom Constitution" which took effect immediately after President Aquino was swept to power in 1986 and lasted until the ratification of the 1987 Constitution.

Miriam firm on offered price

Cojuangco estates

By Tony S. Bergonia

EVEN if the relatives of President Aquino were to reject the buying price for their estates in Tarlac, the government will still take possession of their lands and distribute them to tenants and farm workers, Agrarian Reform Secretary Miriam Defensor Santiago said yesterday.

"If the landowner insists on a higher compensation, under the law my power is clear: It is the secretary (of agrarian reform) who finally sets the price," Santiago told reporters. "I have the power to acquire the property whether the landowner agrees to our valuation or not, (although) he can always bring suit to court."

In Malacanang, Ms. Aquino said she would stay out of negotiations on the accusation of the estates.

"The price to be paid for the area in question is up to the Department of Agrarian Reform

and the Land Bank of the Philippines," she said in a written answer to a question submitted by reporters.

Ms. Aquino also gave assurances that the gross overpricing in the aborted Garchitorena deal would not be repeated, saying safeguards have been adopted by the two agencies "to ensure that the compensation that will eventually be paid will be what the law prescribes."

Santiago has included the Cojuangcos' landholdings totalling 5,000 hectares on the list of priority areas for compulsory acquisition under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). These lands do not include the 6,443-hectare Hacienda Luisita, which was covered by the stock-transfer option effectively postponing actual distribution of lands by 10 years.

The Cojuangcos have set the total worth of their landholdings at P163.2 million, but govern-

ment assessors in Tarlac valued the property at only P37.7 million.

But Santiago said there was nothing unusual about the discrepancy since it was normal for government assessors to place "exaggeratedly low" prices for lands covered by the CARP and for landowners to declare "exaggeratedly high" values for their property.

She said the valuation of assessors is only one of 10 factors to be considered in determining just compensation to landowners.

Under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law, just compensation shall be determined by these factors: the landowner's acquisition cost; current value; nature and actual use; income; sworn declaration of the landowner; tax declaration; assessments made by government assessors; farmers' and farmworkers' contribution; government contribution; and the payment or non-payment of taxes or loans to

government financing institutions.

The Cojuangcos have not asked to put their estates under the stock-transfer option of CARP. However, the deadline for choosing this option is June 1990.



Santiago

TAGUM, Davao del Norte: The committee on human rights of the House of Representatives will conduct a thorough investigation of the massacre of 39 Bagobo tribesmen in a Protestant church at sitio Rano, barangay Binatitan in Digos, Davao del Sur last June 25 by New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

Rep. Baltazar Satur (PDP Laban, second district), who is a member of the House committee on human rights, said he will immediately file a resolution seeking an investigation of the tragic incident as soon as Congress resumes its session next month.

Satur said that he strongly condemned the ruthless killing as "monstrous, godless, and barbaric" and this should be given maximum condemnation.

He said that the provisions of human rights are not only applicable to the victims of military abuses, but also to the victims of NPA atrocities and other armed groups.

The merciless machine-gun killing of the Bagobo tribesmen is unbearable to think and the perpetrators should be punished, he said.

TANAY, Rizal: Three labourers of the Emerald Realty Development Corp. were killed by three men during a drinking session in sitio Malapapaya, barangay Sampaloc, this town.

The victims were identified as Cresencio Jabarina, Rolando Roque, and Larry S. Emerino, all residents of barangay Sampaloc. They died on the spot, they suffered many stab wounds in the body, police said.

Maj. Damian Felix, Tanay police station commander, said that the killing happened at about 4 am while the group was having a drinking spree in the house of one of the victims. He said that a heated argument ensued. This led to the stabbing.

The suspects were identified as Zacarias Bitancor, alias "Cari", and Daniel Canaria, alias "Danga." Bitancor surrendered to the police, while Canaria escaped.

KALIBO: A pilot and a passenger were killed when their single-engine plane crashed in the middle of a rice field shortly after take-off at the Kalibo airport.

The fatalities were identified as Capt Antonio Jallores, pilot of the two-seater Cessna plane, and P/Cp. Nedy Natal of New Washington, Aklan.

Officials of Philippine Air Force Security Command in Kalibo said the engine conked out shortly after take-off, causing the plane to nosedive and crash some 100 metres away from the runway.

The Bacolod-bound plane, which was loaded with 30 bags of prawn fry, was a total wreck, PAFSECOM officials said.

They added that the plane's engine was faltering when tested the day before. At one time, the same plane crashed near the Bacolod City airport when its engine also faltered.

The ill-fated plane was reportedly owned by a certain Rudy Crecia of Bacolod City and bears Registry No. RP-C-1-939 of Skyhawk 11 Air Charter Services.

MANILA: Helen Umali-Bartholomew, founder of International Education Specialist (Inter-Ed), announced that schoolowners and admission officers from the US, Australia, Switzerland, England and Canada will interview today prospective students for enrollment in schools abroad.

The interview will be one of the activities for the admission-free study-abroad exhibit which opens at 9:30 am today at the Garcia Villa Room of the Manila Peninsula Hotel.

Bartholomew said that much-needed information regarding academic requirements, costs, housing, courses, and related matters will also be given to the students and parents.

MANILA: The military this week announced the capture of a suspected communist gunman involved in the killing of three Americans and a Filipino businessman in attacks near Clark Air Base in 1987.

Captured was Renato Cudia, alias Ka Jason, an alleged member of the communist-led Mariano Garcia Brigade operating in north-western Pampanga. He has a P50,000 reward on his head.

Cudia was arrested while visiting his wife in Barangay Sta. Ines, Malabacat. Two other members of the guerrillas hit squad had been arrested and two other killed in encounters with soldiers.

Capt. Felizardo Serapio, commander of the 173 PC Company, said Cudia confessed to the killing of Sgt Randy Davis in Barangay Dau, Malabacat, on Oct 28, 1987 in one of four rebel attacks that day around Clark Air Base.

Two other US servicemen and a Filipino trader were killed in the attacks which were carried out to protest Washington's support for the local counterinsurgency campaign.

LEGAZPI CITY: The Bicol Farmers' Agro-Industrial Foundation, a federation composed of 30 small village farmers associations in the Bicol region, has appealed to Malacanang to issue an authority for them to accept donations from foreign countries.

Luis F. B. Barrameda, foundation president, said that some businessmen from foreign countries have expressed their desire to donate machines, equipment, and engines to the foundation for use in the group's livelihood and production program for the region.

But the foundation said it cannot use the donations unless government agencies issue them authority to accept them.

They said they appealed to the Office of the President to import used tires and donated equipment with free duties and taxes.

MANILA: A Manila policeman was shot dead by one of two suspected members of the "Agaw-arnas" (gun-snatching) gang in downtown Quiapo.

Lt Col Romeo Maganto, now with the office of Brig. Gen. Alfredo Lim, Western Police District (WPD) chief, identified the slain policeman as Pfc. Romulo Abad, detailed with Station No. 5. He suffered three bullet wounds and died on the spot.

A bystander, Romeo Reotolar of Tondo, Manila, was hit and taken to the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital.

One of the suspects grabbed Abad's gun, a 38 calibre revolver, and shot him three times in the body. The gunman escaped on foot.

Reotolar had earlier been shot by the two suspects along Rizal Ave. in Sta. Cruz in an attempted robbery. The two escaped towards Sales st. where they saw Abad and overpowered him.

MANILA: Some 40 houses were destroyed and five persons were injured when 121 bags of chemicals loaded in a speeding truck exploded in Pandacan, Manila.

Property damage was placed at P10 million.

PASAY CITY: Pasay City Mayor Pablo Cuneta recommended the closure of a video centre, following a raid by the police for alleged violation of Presidential Decree 519, banning the operation of all video centres.

Recommended for closure was a video game shop on Libertad St.

Four video machines were seized by the Pasay City Hall police detachment on orders of Cuneta.

Investigation showed that last June 10, a day after the centre began its operations, the Pasay City police anti-vice squad, led by Sgt. Rodolfo Vida, inspected the establishment.

Vida said that a businessman interceded on behalf of the owner and showed the squad documents duly signed by the authorities. (Shirley S. Matias).

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Simpson banks on simplicity

LONDON, Sept 2, (Reuters): The sky was dark, the crowd sparse and the series already decided as England fought to save the sixth cricket Test against Australia at the Oval last Tuesday.

But on the balcony overlooking the ground where cricket's oldest rivals first met here in 1880, Australia's coach was concentrating on the play as intently as he had 25 years ago when conquering the world's finest opening bowlers.

Bobby Simpson, scorer of 4,869 Test runs at an average of 46.81, rarely let his eyes stray from the field as he outlined the approach which helped his country overwhelm the old enemy 4-0.

"It's a simple game," Simpson said in an interview. "Don't muck it up, that's been our philosophy all the way through."

In the last two years, the selectors have been very consistent, based very much on the players we thought were capable of doing the job."

One obvious beneficiary of the Australian selectors' refusal to be panicked into wholesale changes during a period when little was going right for the national side has been Steve Waugh.

Waugh is a throwback to the 1930s — pale, expressionless and so proud of his baggy green cap that he even wears it to bed in the night.

More importantly, he batted like someone from the great 1930s and 1940s sides, averaging an awesome 126.50 for the series.

"Steve Waugh has come through," Simpson remarked with laconic understatement. "Fortunately he was doing enough with the ball during the last years to allow us to keep him in the team."

Despite Waugh, and Mark Taylor's consummate opening batting which aggregated 859 runs, the undisputed man of the series was Terry Alderman who bewitched and bewildered the England batsmen to the tune of 41 wickets.

"That was just one less than the record 42 wickets he took in the 1981 series against England."

Alderman was a delight to watch, probing the batsmen's weaknesses relentlessly with swing bowling which no England batsman was able to counter consistently.

Above all, the series was a triumph for captain Allan Border, skipper during the dark days of the mid-1980s, when Australia lost successive series to New Zealand as well as two Ashes series to England.

Border said the first Test at Headingley, won by Australia by 210 runs, had been crucial.

"The first Test was the huge boost," he said. "That was crucial day."

"We went from strength to strength as a result of that day."

Border is a popular figure in England because of his pluck, skill and a commitment to the highest standards of sportsmanship.

He was cheered loudly by a small group of spectators in front of the pavilion on Tuesday as he brandished a replica of the Ashes.

The same group ignored a tall, amiable man standing quietly among them, impeccably dressed in a light-weight suit.

For Ted Dexter, chairman of the England selectors and Simpson's rival captain in the 1964 Ashes series, a season brought with promise had ended in bitter failure.

The post-match news conference with Dexter, manager Mickey Stewart and captain David Gower was an uneasy mix of quips and evasion as the English media closed in for the kill.

"We have to look for the good thing — that shouldn't take too long," Gower said.

The trio were asked how they rated the Australians.

"That's an excellent cricketing question," Dexter replied with heavy sarcasm. "I'm delighted to answer it."

He then added: "They've played with tremendous dash and style. I think they'll be shown to be one of the excellent Australian sides."

England used 29 players in the series, compared to Australia's 12, and the long-suffering English spectators did not let the statistic pass unnoticed.

"Just available," one banner read at the Oval. "Slow left arm bowler. Reasonable bat. Own kit."

Australians rejoicing in front of the pavilion after play was finally called off on Tuesday were more succinct.

"We stuffed them mate," one said.

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Baseball commissioner Giamatti dies after heart attack

EDGARTOWN, Mass., Sept 2, (Reuters): Baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti, the overseer of America's national pastime, died yesterday after suffering a massive heart attack at his summer home on Martha's Vineyard.

Giamatti, a former president of Yale University and noted renaissance scholar, had been baseball commissioner only since April 1.

He had been embroiled since his appointment in a battle with one of the game's heroes, Cincinnati Reds man-

ager Pete Rose, over Rose's reputed gambling.

Last week Giamatti banned Rose for life from baseball in a settlement that avoided a formal ruling on whether Rose bet on baseball games. Rose, who holds the record for most base hits in a

career, can appeal the ruling after a year.

Giamatti, 51, was vacationing on Martha's Vineyard, a popular resort island off Cape Cod, after the settlement. The commissioner died in Martha's Vineyard Hospital about an

hour and a half after the heart attack, a hospital spokesman said, when all efforts to resuscitate him failed.

Giamatti, a renaissance literature scholar, teacher and writer, was a devoted fan of the Boston Red Sox

team and often walked around the Yale campus wearing a Red Sox cap.

He served eight years as president of Yale before leaving in 1986. He had been a member of the Yale Faculty since 1966, becoming a full professor in 1971 at the age of 33.

Aouita, Ivan win GP titles

Lewis finishes in 3rd place



Aouita: GP champion

MONACO, Sept 2, (Reuters): Said Aouita and Paula Ivan, the premier middle-distance runners of their generation, won the men's and women's overall Grand Prix titles respectively for the second successive year yesterday.

Pacemakers Pascal Clouvel of France and Kenyan Charles Cheruiyot kept Aouita on schedule to break his own world 5,000 metres record before Cheruiyot dropped out with five laps to go.

Running alone, the Moroccan slipped steadily behind the clock. But his winning time of 13 minutes 06.36 seconds was still the second fastest time of the year and he finished 15 seconds ahead of second-placed Mexican Arturo Barrios.

A dependent Aouita said later an injury to his right calf had affected him badly over the last kilometre.

"I don't know if I will go the World Cup in Barcelona next week," he told a news conference. "I'm feeling bad. I've had massage but it wasn't enough."

Ivan had no such problems after the field was towed through the halfway mark in two minutes 11.84 seconds.

The Romanian Olympic 1,500 metres champion waited until she was within the last 200 metres then strode confidently to the front to win in 4:24.96.

Steady rain which drenched the principality throughout yesterday relented shortly before the meeting, the 17th and final of the Grand Prix season.

There was an early upset when Brazil's Robson Da Silva suffered his first defeat of the year over 2000 metres when he lost by 0.01 seconds to Frenchman Daniel Sagouma.

Da Silva thought he had taken the race and went on a victory lap, during which it was announced that Sanguma had triumphed in 20.23 seconds.

Sanguma, whose impressive list of scalps this season includes American Olympic champion Joe DeLoach, started immediately on his own victory lap, in the opposite direction.

Tonie Campbell, third in last year's Olympic final, was even

more convinced he had won than Da Silva had been and the American was appalled when the judges ruled the race a dead heat with Britain's Olympic silver medalist Colin Jackson in 13.22 seconds.

"I just don't believe it," Campbell said, demanding that he be shown a photo of the finish.

Campbell, Jackson and Roger Kingdom, the Olympic champion and world record holder who finished third, then huddled over the photograph for some minutes before Campbell finally conceded there was no clear evidence to show he had won.

"It was difficult for me to see," Jackson said. "I knew I had beaten Roger but I didn't know if I'd beaten Tonie. Overall, if the result stands, I'm happy."

In an invitation event, Jamaican Ray Stewart won the 100 metres ahead of Britain's Olympic silver medalist Linford Christie. Olympic champion Carl Lewis, who flew first class on Concorde from New York to London and then to Monaco just for the race, finished third.

Benzinger takes Reds past Pirates

NEW YORK, Sept 2, (AP): Todd Benzinger hit a homer and drove in four runs as the Cincinnati Reds collected 15 hits to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-5 last night.

Luis Quinones and Eric Davis each had two RBI as the Reds gave plenty of support to Ron Robinson, 4-1, who won his fourth straight decision. Robinson pitched five innings, giving up seven hits.

Benzinger hit his 15th homer in the third off Bob Patterson, 0-1, a two-run shot. Benzinger also had a two-run double in the fourth, when the Reds took a 7-1 lead.

Braves 5, Cubs 1

Lonnie Smith, Dale Murphy and Darrell Evans drove in first-inning runs as the Atlanta Braves took an early lead and downed the Chicago Cubs 5-1.

Cubs starter Steve Wilson, 5-3, faced only four batters before being chased in the first inning.

Wilson yielded walks to Oddibe McDowell and Jeff Blauser before Smith's RBI single. Murphy then chased Wilson with his RBI hit, one of his four singles in the game, and Evans greeted reliever Paul Kilgus with a run-scoring double.

Astros 6, Cardinals 3

Craig Reynolds' pinch-hit homer in the seventh broke a tie and the Houston Astros went on to a 6-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Houston scored in the fourth on third baseman Terry Pendleton's error and in the sixth when reliever John Costello, 3-3, beamed Craig Biggio with the bases loaded. Reynolds' second homer, leading off the seventh, was the Astros' first pinch home run this season.

Giants 7, Mets 1

Kevin Mitchell drove in four runs, three with his Major League-leading 41st homer, and Scott Garretts won his fifth straight decision as the San Francisco Giants beat the New York Mets 7-1.

Results	
American League	
Detroit	2 Cleveland 1
Toronto	7 Minnesota 3
New York	11 California 5
Seattle	7 Boston 2
Milwaukee	6 Oakland 5
Chicago	10 Baltimore 1
Kansas City	5 Texas 3
National League	
Cincinnati	11 Pittsburgh 5
Atlanta	2 Chicago 1
Houston	6 St. Louis 1
Los Angeles	2 Montreal 0
San Francisco	7 New York 1

Remove restriction on athletes: IAAF

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, Sept 2, (AP): Agents and managers of the cream of world track and field issued a strong challenge to the sport's authorities yesterday, urging them to treat the stars as full professionals and "move with the times."

Representatives of six-time Olympic champion Carl Lewis, world 110-metre hurdles record-holder Roger Kingdom, 400-metre ace Butch Reynolds, Kenyan 800-metre Olympic champion Paul Ereng and more than 20 other agents set up the International Association of Athletic Representatives aimed at abolishing amateurism and giving their clients complete freedom to run their own affairs.

The two-hour meeting was held prior to the IAAF-Mobil Grand Prix final in Monte Carlo, which was determining this season's men's and women's track and field champion.

In a 10-point declaration, the newly formed IAAF said it wanted to protect the rights of athletes to compete and to earn compensation in a free and open market... without restriction.

Other proposals included a recommendation to abolish the current concept of trust funds and replace it with a system in which athletes "freely, openly and honestly accept remuneration from meeting organisers and sponsors."

The agents also called for the lifting of all restrictions imposed by the sport's world governing body on the wearing of sponsors' names and logos during competition.

Currently, the International Amateur Athletic Federation does not allow competitors to prominently display manufacturers' or advertisers' names on their uniforms or equivalent during competition.

"We recognise we cannot ourselves change the rules," said David Greifinger, an attorney for Lewis and the Santa Monica Track Club. "But by issuing this declaration, we are saying these are the rules we want to be in place. Now, IAAF, get with it."

Greifinger said the sport was now virtually professional and that the world governing body had no option but to "move with the times."

"I don't think in the long run that they can afford not to follow most of our recommendations," Greifinger told the Associated Press.

"Basically, our recommendations reflect reality. The economic pressures of the sport will require that the IAAF go along with these recommendations."

But IAAF director of competitions, Jon Wigley, said the organisation would not be held to ransom.

Stumpf gains revenge

BIRMINGHAM, England, Sept 2, (AP): West German speedster Remig Stumpf gained revenge by edging Australia's Phil Anderson in a sprint at the end of yesterday's third stage in the Tour of Britain cycling race, while Martin Earley retained the overall lead.

Stumpf, a member of the Toshiba team who trails Earley by eight seconds for the overall lead, has won two stages and

placed second in another so far in the race.

"With my team riding so well I could win again possibly on the last day," said Stumpf, who is in his first season as a professional.

Stumpf, a sprinter known for his powerful finishes, faces a more difficult task today in a 220-km (137-mile) stage from Birmingham to Cardiff, Wales.

The race ends tomorrow in London.

Lye, Grady catch Norman

FRANKLIN, Wis., Sept 2, (Reuters): Mark Lye shot a second round 66 to vault into a tie with Australians Greg Norman and Wayne Grady at 11-under-par 133 yesterday midway through the Greater Milwaukee Open golf championship.

"I had a fast finish here and I am very pleased with that," said Lye, who earned a share of honours for the lowest score of the day at the 7,030-yard Tuckaway Country Club course.

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Greg Norman

"I am very happy to be playing this well, but then everyone seems to be playing good out here," said Norman, who made

four birdies and a bogey in adding a 69 to his opening round of 64.

"Overall, I didn't putt that well, in fact I missed a short birdie putt on 16, but I did make some good par putts. On this course it's basically just a putting competition."

Grady played a steady round with four birdies and no bogeys for a 68.

"My round today was very much the same as yesterday," he said. "I could have shot a 68 or a 72. I didn't feel very comfortable out there, but obviously I'm doing something right."

Grady rolled in birdie putts of 30 feet, six feet, 25 feet, and five feet.

Phil Blackmar and David Frost were one shot behind the leaders, with several more two strokes back including South African Nick Price and former Masters champion Larry Mize.

Australian Ian Baker-Finch, who tied with Lye for the day's best round, finished at 136.

A total of 71 players made the cut for the final two days.

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Jahangir trounces Jansher

KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Jahangir Khan underlined his world supremacy today with a ruthless straight-games demolition of closest rival Jansher Khan to win the Pakistan Open squash tournament.

The world number one and defending champion took 75 minutes to dispose off his second-seeded fellow-Pakistani 15-11 15-12 15-11, but was always in charge.

The match, at the Jahangir Khan squash complex, lacked the excitement of last year's glorious 134-minute final between the two when Jahangir struggled back from two sets down.

This time both players made maximum use of the rule-book, appealing for every possible let.

Jansher, 19, mixed strings of careless errors with some killing drop shots. He fought back from 7-12 to 10-12 in the first game, from 7-14 to 12-14 in the second and 6-11 to 10-12 in the third.

But 25-year-old Jahangir kept up the pressure, carefully matching Jansher's changes of pace and scoring point after point with craftily disguised drop shots.

Jansher temporarily ended Jahangir's seven-year reign as world number one in 1987. But after nine defeats in 10 meetings, Jahangir stormed back to regain his top ranking, collecting the world and British Open titles on the way.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Palestine Cup

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Sept. 2. (AP). Morocco beat Jordan 4-0 yesterday in the second match of the third Palestine Soccer Cup under 19 tournament. Ragbi Saad scored the first goal for the north African team in the 67th minute. A fellow striker, Sabiq Muhammad, lobbed the second a minute later. Saba Munir, replacing Mohammad in the second half of the match, scored in the 82nd minute, shooting the ball in a formidable strike from outside the cross bar, followed a minute later by another goal secured by Hawzi Salim.

Al Ahli win

TOKYO, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Egypt's Al Ahli beat Japan's Yomiuri Club 3-1 (half time 1-1) today in the first game of the Afro-Asian Soccer Cup Championship at the Olympic stadium.

Knee remodelled

MILAN, Italy, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Doctors in Brussels have remodelled part of the left knee of Dutch international striker Marco van Basten, his Italian club AC Milan said yesterday.

Unbeaten horse

LONDON, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Unbeaten three-year-old Nashwan will not run in the St Leger so he can focus his efforts on next month's 'A' de Triomphe, trainer Dick Hern said today.

Bridge

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club's 'marathon' game held on Friday.

Foreign legion

BELGRADE, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Yugoslavia will rely on their foreign legion again on Wednesday when they meet Scotland in a World Cup European Group Five qualifying tie.

Dope test

BLEID, Yugoslavia, Sept. 2. (Reuters). A Czechoslovak woman rower failed a dope test at a major regatta in Switzerland in July, the first doping case in rowing for two years, officials said yesterday.

Amateur status

DUBLIN, Ireland, Sept. 2. (AP). Neil Kinnoch, leader of Britain's opposition Labour Party, said today that rugby union boards should revoke the amateur status of players taking part in an ongoing tour of South Africa.

Cup stadium

ROME, Sept. 2. (Reuters). FIFA today waived their World Cup regulations to allow Palermo, where four workmen died on Wednesday, to host matches during next year's finals. It can now stage matches without covered stands.

Champion Stakes

DUBLIN, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Carroll House, under strong driving from Irish champion jockey Michael Kinane, won the Group One Champion Stakes horse race at Phoenix Park today.

S. Africa win

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 2. (Reuters). South Africa beat an international XV 22-16 (half-time 6-7) in their rugby union match at Johannesburg's Ellis Park today.

First call-up

LONDON, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Arsenal teenager Stephen Morrow has received his first call-up to the Northern Ireland soccer squad for next Wednesday's World Cup European Group Six match against Hungary in Belfast, team officials said today.

KPBC challenge Magnolia to five-game series

MAGNOLIA, winners of the recently concluded Palaro '89 basketball tournament, have been challenged by KPBC to play a best-of-five series to decide the best team in Kuwait.

KPBC also took part in the Palaro event but opted out of the event at the half-way stage after a clash with the organisers of the tournament over an interpretation of a certain rule.

Abdullah Tiffuni, while issuing the

challenge, hoped that Magnolia would accept the challenge, not only to avenge their defeat to KPBC in the preliminary rounds but also for the sake of Kuwait's Filipino community, who were eager to see this clash.

The KPBC manager added that in case Magnolia agreed to play this game the proceeds from the event would be donated towards a certain fund.

Meanwhile, it was announced yesterday

that the Kuwait-Pinoy Basketball League would be formally launched on Friday, Sept. 8. According to the organisers, the KPBL is primarily aimed at developing basketball competitions in order to promote unity and camaraderie among the Filipinos in Kuwait and also to provide year-round entertainment to basketball fans.

A meeting in this connection has been scheduled for Friday at the Kheifan gym at

9.30 am.

A number of teams have already agreed to take part in the event. Other local companies employing Filipinos have also been requested to send their representatives to the meeting.

For further details contact Ed Mateo (5335203), Romy Lazaro (5515785), Emong Limdimas (5719620), Ramon Nario (4813508) and Willie Bassig (4842988 ext. 2632).

West Ham stay at top

Frankfurt lose to Kaiserslautern

LONDON, Sept. 2. (Agencies). Mark Ward's fifth-minute goal kept West Ham at the top of the Second Division of the English soccer League with a 1-1 tie at Hull in a game that ended in a brawl yesterday.

Watford scored a 3-1 home victory over Leicester to move into second place, while Blackburn also stayed undefeated with a controversial injury time penalty shot that gave it a 2-2 tie at home against Oxford.

West Ham, Watford and Blackburn all have two victories and two ties in four games so far this season. West Ham leads on goals scored, while Watford is ahead of Blackburn on goal difference.

The spotlight was on the Second Division today because the English First Division and the Scottish Premier Division had the weekend off to prepare for English and Scottish World Cup qualifying matches on Wednesday.

West Ham scored first on Ward's goal but a Hull team that was missing three injured strikers tied the score in the 64th minute on a header by Peter Swan.

At Blackburn, Oxford manager Brian Horton ran onto the field to protest to referee David Phillips after Blackburn's con-

troversial injury time penalty. Horton and his players argued there was too much injury time added onto the game.

Rovers substitute Andy Kennedy was brought down in the box by Oxford captain Martin Foyle four minutes into injury time, with Oxford leading 2-1. Howard Gayle's penalty shot was saved by goalkeeper Peter Hucker, but Gayle followed up to score on the rebound.

Watford, which led the Second Division for much of last season, grabbed the lead against Leicester on a Paul Wilkinson goal in the 30th minute and Gary Porter doubled the score on a penalty shot four minutes later after Leicester's Steve Walsh had touched the ball with his hand.

Garry Thompson added Watford's third goal on a header before Gary McAllister scored the visitors' only goal off a free kick.

Results
English Division One — no matches
English Division Two
Blackburn 2 Oxford 2
Bradford 1 Portsmouth 1
Brighton 2 Port Vale 0
Hull 1 West Ham 1
Ipswich 1 Southampton 1
Middlesbrough 1 Sheffield United 1
Newcastle 2 Oldham 1
Plymouth 2 Barnsley 1
Stoke 1 Leeds 1
Watford 3 Leicester 2
West Bromwich 1 Sunderland 1



Olaf Thon: key figure

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English Division Four			
Chesterfield	0	Burnley	1
Exeter	0	Cardiff	0
Gillingham	0	Southampton	3
Grimsby	4	Colchester	1
Halifax	3	Torquay	0
Hereford	3	Maidstone	0
Lincoln	2	Doncaster	1
Peterborough	1	Aldershot	1
Rochdale	0	Wrexham	3
Scarborough	1	Cambridge U	1
Southend	3	Hartlepool	0
Stockport	2	York	2

Scottish Division One			
Aberion	3	Clydebank	4
Clyde	2	Ayr	2
Falkirk	1	Meadowbank	1
Forfar	0	Partick	3
Hamilton	1	Alloa	0
Morton	0	Airdrie	1
Raith	0	St Johnstone	2
Scottish Division Two			
Peebles	2	Arbroath	2
Juniperston	1	Berwick	5
East Fife	1	Queen's Park	0
Kilmarnock	2	E Skirling	0
Stenhousemuir	1	Montrose	0
Stirling	5	Queen of S	0
Stranraer	3	Cowdenbeath	1

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Frankfurt fought back in the second half, but Manfred Binz' consolation in the last minute couldn't maintain Frankfurt's leading position in the table.

As Frankfurt lost its first match of the season, newcomer Duesseldorf celebrated its first victory. The team beat Stuttgart 4-2.

Champion Bayern Munich was back in its familiar place at the top of the table for the first time this season, profiting from Frankfurt's defeat and from its own success against Hamburg.

In the clash with Hamburg on Thursday, Bayern embarrassed its opponent 4-0.

Bayern midfielder Olaf Thon proved to be the key figure of the match, starting Hamburg's disaster with a 20 metre volley that received the undivided acclaim of the crowd in Munich's Olympic stadium.

Roland Wohlfahrt and defender Thomas Kastenmeier hammered home Bayern's triumph after Thon had set the scene.

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Maradona storms off plane

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona stormed off a European-bound flight yesterday to again delay his return to Italy and suggested he might quit soccer if he failed to settle a row with his club Napoli.

The 28-year-old midfielder, frustrated for over two weeks from Napoli, got off a Madrid-bound Aerolineas Argentina flight saying he refused to travel if his manager Guillermo Coppola did not have a first class seat next to him.

Maradona, who was supposed to report back to UEFA Cup holders Napoli on August 16, also argued with a television crew after he and Coppola left the plane.

Before boarding, the Argentine World Cup captain had told a radio interviewer: "I don't care about soccer or the national team. My daughters come before my career."

"I'm not going to Europe to play soccer, I'm going because I want to settle with (Napoli president Corrado) Ferlario this drugs and mafia business I've been linked with by the press," he added.

Napoli have filed a claim for damages and moved to cancel a four-year publicity contract following Maradona's failure to report back, Italian judicial officials said in Naples.

The club was forced to start the new season this week without Maradona, Italy's highest paid sportsman.

Maradona, who in a recent statement said he believed there was a plot in Italy to harm him and his family, has cancelled several flight bookings in the past two weeks.

In his scuffle with the television news crew

Maradona, looking heavier and sporting a beard grown during his extended holiday, said he was tired of reporters pestering him.

"I'm sick and tired of you people coming to my house and bugging me, my wife and my kids," he hollered as he pushed a somnolent man who had asked him why he had not stayed on the plane.

Maradona was due to return to Naples on August 3 but Napoli agreed to extend his leave for two more weeks, in which time he went skiing in an Andean resort and fishing in northern Argentina.

In an Italian television interview broadcast on Wednesday Maradona said he was going to "throw" his contract at Ferlario, implying he was ready to quit the Italian club.

Local news agencies said maradona might take an Aerolineas Argentina flight to Rome today.

Snijers and Colebunders finish first

PATRICK SNIJERS and Danny Colebunders teamed up in their Celica Turbo 4WD to score an outright victory in the International ADAC German Rally. The Celica outran a strong field of Lancia Delta Integrales and other top competitors to win the four-day event with an impressive margin of more than a full two minutes.

This was the second European Championship victory of the season for the Celica crew, who compete with support from Belgian Toyota distributor N.V. International Motor Company, S.A. The German Rally win is especially significant, since this is a 20 coefficient event and, consequently, one of the most important and demanding rallies on the ERC circuit.

Earlier, on July 22, a large crowd of 45,675 fans at the Los Angeles Coliseum saw Toyota (Hilux) truck drivers Robby Gordon and Ivan Stewart capture the respective 1st and 2nd places in an off-road stadium race.

The Toyota drivers shared the credit for the 1-2 finish with the Toyota support crew, who replaced a complete engine in Stewart's truck in just 70 minutes between the second heat race and the main event.

Toyota's powerful performance in the Los Angeles event strengthened its position at the top of the MTEG Off-road Championship standings.

Samaranch opposes life bans

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Olympic boss Juan Antonio Samaranch said yesterday he did not believe in life bans for first-time doping offenders.

"I am against a life ban for a first offence," the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president told a news conference after a week of IOC meetings in San Juan.

He was reacting to a call by American IOC member Anita

Defiantz for athletes caught doping in the Olympics to be banned from all future Games.

The 85 members attending the full IOC session agreed that the IOC medical commission should study the proposal and report to the next session in Tokyo next September.

But the opposition of Samaranch and medical commission chairman Prince Alexandre de Merode indicated that

the measure was unlikely to be adopted.

"I am against a life ban for a first offence," De Merode said. "It should be possible to re-integrate the athlete, as is the case in virtually all countries in penal matters."

However, there was virtual unanimity over the need to impose tougher punishments on doctors, coaches and others who encouraged athletes to use drugs.

Brothers win

GOLD COAST, Australia, Sept. 2. (AP). World-ranked Australian boxing brothers Troy and Guy Waters both retained Commonwealth titles Saturday at Jupiter's Casino.

Guy Waters kept his light-heavyweight crown with a unanimous 12 round decision over English fighter Roy Skeldon.

Troy Waters, the top contender in the International Boxing Federation junior-middleweight division, kept his Commonwealth title, outpointing Ghana's Judas Clottey over 12 rounds.

Guy, 25, improved his record to 12-1 by repeatedly beating 36-year-old Skeldon to the punch.

Becker fights wind, Mecir to reach 4th round

Evert scores 100th US Open win

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Wimbledon champion Boris Becker survived swirling winds and inconsistent play yesterday to reach the round of 16 at the US Open tennis championships.

On the women's side, second-seeded Martina Navratilova and fourth seed Chris Evert both advanced to the fourth round, but 16th-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Australia was eliminated.

The second-seeded Becker battled dangerous Czechoslovak opponent Miloslav Mecir for three hours at the National Tennis Centre before advancing 6-4 3-6 6-3.

"It was one of the most difficult matches I've had in five years at the US Open. Mecir was almost the easy part today. The difficult part was the wind," the West German said.

"No match has been easy for me so I have to do better," said Becker, who survived a five-set scare against American Derrick Rostagno in the second round.

In the opening match on stadium court, sentimental favourite Evert reached another

milestone in her brilliant Grand Slam career. She scored her 100th US Open singles victory by beating 69th-ranked Argentine Patricia Tarabini 6-2 6-4 to reach the round of 16 for the 19th successive year.

"That's a lot of matches," said the 34-year-old six-time champion, who has won 18 Grand Slam singles titles.

Evert next plays 15-year-old Yugoslav Monica Seles, who is playing in her first US Open. The 12th-seeded Seles, who established herself as one of the stars of the future by extending Steffi Graf to three sets in the French Open semifinals, beat 70th-ranked American Shaun Stafford 7-6 6-2.

Evert, who had been to three US Open semifinals before Seles was born, lost to the teenager earlier this year in Houston. But Seles knows the American star will have to crowd firmly in her corner when they next meet.

"That's totally alright if they're going to root for Chris," said Seles, accepting the fact that



Navratilova hits a backhand shot to Golea. (Reuters wirephoto)

the fans will root for Evert in her final Grand Slam appearance.

Evert was aware that she would need more than the backing of the fans to beat Seles.

"From the round of 16 on all these girls are tough players," she

said.

Navratilova overpowered 95-ranked Yugoslav Sabrina Golea 6-4 6-0 in just 51 minutes. The four-time champion's fourth round opponent will be Czechoslovak Regina Rajchrtova,

who beat American Camille Benjamin 2-6 6-3 6-2.

Eighteen-year-old American Donna Faber, ranked 82 in the world, ousted Mandlikova, 6-2 3-6 7-5. Thirty-two unforced errors proved the undoing of 27-year-old Mandlikova, the 1985 US Open champion. Faber next meets fifth seed Zina Garrison who overcame fellow-American Patty Fendick 6-3 7-5.

In other women's third round action, 13th-seeded Soviet Natalia Zvereva routed 163-ranked American Tami Whitlinger 6-0 6-2 to set up a meeting with seventh-seeded Bulgarian Manuela Maleeva, a 6-1 6-3 winner over France's Nathalie Tauziat.

Both Becker and the 22-ranked Mecir committed numerous unforced errors throughout the match 3-9 for Becker and 38 for the Olympic champion.

But Becker won the important points in the third and fourth sets when Mecir, a finalist here in 1986 and at this year's Australian Open, appeared to suffer lapses in concentration.

Becker jumped out to 3-0 leads in each of the last two sets but never really took charge.

Becker showed a flicker of his Wimbledon form in the final game when he lunged to his left at the net and from a full stretch in mid-air dropped a volley just over for a winner.

"At 15-15, 5-3 in the fourth set, I don't care if I hurt myself. I just had to do it," said Becker, who drilled a service winner on his second match point to end the contest.

Joining Becker in the round of 16 was Dutch qualifier Paul Haarhuis, who upset fourth seed John McEnroe on Wednesday. Haarhuis beat Miguel Nido of Puerto Rico 7-5 7-6 6-4.

Eleventh seed Jay Berger, the highest remaining seed in his quarter after the demise of McEnroe and defending champion Mats Wilander, narrowly escaped the same fate yesterday.

Berger came back from two sets down to take a dramatic, third round match from fellow-American doubles specialist Ken Flach 6-7 (10-12) 4-6 6-2 6-3 6-4.

Scotland squad hit by injuries

GLASGOW, Sept. 2. (Reuters). Scotland's World Cup squad was severely weakened today when four players, including leading striker Maurice Johnston, were ruled out of Wednesday's European Group Five qualifying tie against Yugoslavia in Zagreb.

Johnston, scorer of six goals in five qualifying games, withdrew with a groin injury. Midfielder Ian Ferguson was a virus, goalkeeper Bryan Gunn with a back injury and central defender David McPherson with a leg injury. Scotland coach Andy Roxburgh, whose team need two points from their final three games to clinch a place in next year's finals in Italy, was also forced to leave out defender Richard Gough, who he named the squad.

Roxburgh said he planned to call up another goalkeeper but would not be adding any more outfield players to his squad.



Tournament directors: Cabardo and Bert Papas

Al Zinki ends title drought

By Sonny Mariano

WALEED AL ZINKI finally ended his long title drought by bagging the fourth monthly tournament for seeded bowlers.

Back in the elimination round, Waleed barely made it to the top four who will vie for the title in step ladder finals when he finished in fourth position.

The top qualifier was the cool and smooth shooting Arthur Reyes while Beda Borge showed everyone that his glorious days are far from over when he took the second position. In third place was Victor Choong who also registered the tournament's high game of 234 pinfalls.

Going into the step ladder, Waleed Al Zinki made his steady climb to the top by eliminating Victor Choong and then he overcame Beda Borge to pave the



Al Zinki

way for a title showdown with Arthur Reyes.

In the first game of the two game final match, Waleed got the jump off Arthur when he started like a house on fire winning the game by a wide margin. In the second game Waleed just coasted along and even though Arthur won the second game, Waleed still came out the winner by virtue of a higher total pinfall in two games.

PBAK adviser Bert Papas and PBAK auditor Rene Cabardo were the directors of the just concluded tournament.

Winners honoured

THE 2nd PBAK Awards Night was held on Thursday at the Meridian Hotel. A programme was tendered to honour the winners of the previous tournaments conducted by the PBAK in the past 2 months like the Yacoub Al Khayyat Open Bowling Tourney, the Couple's Tournament, the 3rd and 4th Nov. Seeded, the 3rd and 4th seeded tourneys, & the Marathon Bowling.

The affair also served as a farewell party for the guest speaker of the night, the acting officer in charge at the Philippine embassy, Tino Ocampo, who is leaving Kuwait after more than 8 years of dedicated service to the Filipino community in Kuwait.

In his message, Tino expressed his sincere appreciation for the support and camaraderie, and how he has grown his attachment to the bowling craze. An excellent golfer, apart from being a rabid bowler, Mang Tino, as he is more fondly called, has reaped numerous awards and distinctions in sports in his long stay in the country. He is known to have a very cool temper and always manages to keep his level-headedness. A soft-spoken gentleman, Tino shall be missed by his colleagues in bowling and the rest of the Filipino community. He will join his wife Virginia and 3 sons in Manila and everyone wished him more success in his diplomatic career.

Rico Pino, PBAK proxy and the rest of the officers gifted him with a symbolic bowling pin.

Mrs Thelma Cheng and Mr Sonny Semeja acted as the compères during the awarding ceremonies. Bilal Barqawi of Al Rashid Freight and Yacoub Al Khayyat of NTC Trading presented the trophies and gifts to the outstanding recipients.

Another highlight of